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## SEVERE FIGHTING BREAKS OUT.

WUHAN FORCES WIN FIRST ROUND.

MARSHAL CHIANG LEAVING FOR THE FRONT.

## WAR IN EARNEST NOW?

Fighting on a very heavy scale on more than one front is now in progress between Nanking and Wuhan. It is not quite certain when war actually broke out, but Nanking officials have been unable to keep up their strenuous denial of actual conflict in the face of the arrival of more wounded troops, and the sudden announcement of the intended departure of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek for the front.

A message received from Shanghai at eleven o'clock this morning gives details of severe fighting on the Hupoh-Anhui border between Hankow troops under General Yip Ki, and Nanking troops commanded by General Hsiang Tzu-yan.

### Chiang Defeated.

After a severe engagement, the Wuhan troops routed Chiang's army and have captured Yinghsan, which is several miles over the Anhui border.

Urgent telegrams have been received at Nanking asking for reinforcements. It is now learned that the wounded men who arrived yesterday and the new arrivals are all from the battalions of General Hsiang Tzu-yan. It is reported that most of them were wounded in a battle in front of Hwangchow, in Hupoh, into which Hsiang Tzu-yan's forces had entered. They were driven back with heavy losses, and it is evident from the report that fighting must have been going on for at least two days.

### Sudden Intimation.

The first definite indication of the outbreak occurred at a meeting of the Third National Congress yesterday morning. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek was given a message which caused him immediately to leave the Congress Hall.

Later it was learned that information of war had been received, and that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek had made arrangements to leave for Kiating immediately.

He is leaving to-day and will be accompanied, it is understood, by a large contingent of Cadets from the Military Academy.

### Three Fronts?

Meanwhile, the news is confirmed by Reuter which reports that severe fighting has broken out in the vicinity of the North Hupoh and North Anhui borders, and also to the south of the Yangtze in the vicinity of the Hunan-Kiangsi border, in the neighbourhood of Wantan and Tungkushien.

Reuter says that the news has been received from most reliable quarters, and adds that forty members of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's staff have already left for Kiating, while arrangements have been completed for Chiang Kai-shek to leave personally for Kiating to-morrow.

### Hankow Confident.

A Naval Wireless message despatched from Hankow received to-day, states that the city is quiet and that the authorities appear confident.

The whereabouts of General Pei Chung-hsi, who has been reported at Hankow, Canton and Moji are, says Reuter, unknown.

It is most likely, however, that he is in Hankow, and it is probable that he will be joined there by Gen. Li Chung-ying, who is expected to fly to Hankow from Canton.

### Japanese Precaution.

A Reuter message from Tokyo states that owing to the anticipated outbreak of disturbances on the Yangtze between Wuhan and Nanking, the Japanese naval authorities have decided to despatch the mine-layer "Tokawa" and three destroyers to Shanghai, probably to-morrow.

From Chinese sources it is learned that Chinese gunboats have sailed from Shanghai to Nanking under the instructions of Chiang Kai-shek.

A political observer states that if Reuter's cable regarding fighting (Continued on Page 14.)

## STORMY SESSION CONCLUDES.

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT GETS SAFELY THROUGH.

## MEASURE SHELVED.

Tokyo, Mar. 26.

After one of the stormiest sessions on record, in which the Government's life appeared to be seriously endangered on more than one occasion, the 56th Session of the Diet ended shortly before midnight.

Although the Government weathered the storm, a number of its most important Bills were shelved, these including the Tax Transfer, which has been severely attacked on the grounds, *inter alia*, that its passage would entail the removal of an important source of revenue totalling Yen 129,000,000 annually, at a time when the country faces the prospect of a huge naval replacement programme, both in capital ships and auxiliaries, on the expiration of the Washington Agreement.

Although many observers predict that the Government, owing to the shelving of the Bills, will quit office before the summer, the Cabinet is reported to have decided to remain in office.

In the event of the Cabinet remaining, it will probably carry out a reorganisation before long.—Reuter.

## WORLD WATER SPEED RECORD.

"MISS AMERICA" ADDS A FRACTION.

Miami, Mar. 25.

Commodore Garwood, the well-known American motor-boat racer, to-day set up a new world water speed record in the "Miss America VII" which averaged 93.12 miles an hour.

The previous record also established by the "Miss America" was 92.83 miles an hour.

Major Sagrave hoped to beat this record with "Miss England" but the craft was badly damaged in a collision with a floating log (in competition with "Miss America") and it is thought that the British effort will not now be made.—Reuter's American Service.

## THE AIR SERVICE TO INDIA.

HOPES OF INAUGURATION THIS MONTH.

London, Mar. 25.

Replying to a question in Parliament, Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary for Air, said the few minor outstanding points between the British Government and the Italian Government in connexion with the projected air service to India had been satisfactorily settled, and he hoped the service would be inaugurated before the end of this month over the route originally contemplated.—British Wireless.

## POLITICS IN MONTE CARLO.

ELECTION CANCELLATION AGITATION.

Monte Carlo, Mar. 25.

The issue of a Proclamation cancelling the manifesto announcing that the Elections would be held in June, has led to a recrudescence of agitation.—Reuter.

## M. C. C. CRICKETERS LEAVE FOR HOME.

SUCCESSFUL AUSTRALIAN TOUR ENDED.

Perth, Mar. 25.

After a wonderfully successful tour, being defeated only in the Fifth Test Match, the M.C.C. team embarked on the liner "Ormond" for England to-day.—Reuter.

## MARSHAL FOCH'S FUNERAL.

HONGKONG'S TRIBUTE TO HIS MEMORY.

PRINCE OF WALES & BRITISH OFFICERS IN PARIS.

## LAST RITES TO-DAY.

The funeral of Ferdinand Foch, Marshal of France, takes place in Paris to-day, and tributes to his memory have been paid all over the world. In Hongkong this morning, a simple ceremony took place at the Cenotaph, wreaths being laid on behalf of the Ex-Active Service Men's Association and the British Legion.

The Prince of Wales, who is to represent the King at the funeral, left London yesterday afternoon for Paris, says a British Wireless message.

The troops who are to represent the British Army also left London yesterday. They consisted of the band ranks of the 3rd Batt. Coldstream Guards and two officers and sixteen men and four pipers, chosen from the London Scottish, the first Territorial battalion to land in France in the Great War.

The Royal Air Force were represented by a detachment of two officers and twenty other ranks.

### Distinguished Officers.

Several distinguished officers also left London for Paris yesterday, including Field Marshal Sir George Milne, who will be a pall-bearer with Lord Methuen, Lord Cavan, Viscount Allenby, Sir Claude Jacob and General Hutchinson, representing the Army; Admiral Lord Wester Wemyss and Vice-Admiral Haggard representing the Navy, and Chief Air-Marshal Sir Hugh Trenchard representing the Royal Air Force. Lord Plumer, an intimate friend of Foch, left for Paris on Sunday.

### French Thanks.

M. Painleve, the French War Minister, has sent the following reply to the message of Sir Laming Worthington Evans, the British War Minister, on the occasion of the death of Marshal Foch.

"The French army is profoundly moved by the feeling that the British army is united with it in mourning the loss of one who, in the double role of Marshal of France and British Field-Marshal, led them together to victory. Pray you convey to the British Army the heartfelt thanks of its brothers-in-arms, who faithfully preserve the memory of its indomitable courage and generous loyalty in their common struggle.—British Wireless.

### Paris Mourns.

Paris, Mar. 25.  
A police communique states that over 350,000 people filed past the bier of Marshal Foch at the Arc de Triomphe yesterday, while it is estimated that more than 750,000 were unable to get near.

The crowds recommenced filing past the bier at Notre Dame at six o'clock this morning and the pressure may be gauged from the fact that nearly fifty thousand passed in an hour.—Reuter.

### Impressive Scenes.

Paris, Mar. 25.

The body of the late Marshal Foch, escorted by a troop of cavalry bearing torches, moved last night from the Arc de Triomphe to the Cathedral of Notre Dame in readiness for to-morrow's funeral.

The scene was a most impressive one. Immense crowds lined the route and the deathly silence was only broken by the clatter of horses' hooves and the crash of arms as the troops came to the "present."

The coffin was placed in the Chapelle Ardente, where Madame Foch and her children remained praying amid the silence which pervaded the Cathedral.—Reuter.

### A Hongkong Tribute.

A simple but impressive ceremony took place at the Hongkong Cenotaph this morning when a tribute of respect was paid to the memory of the late Marshal Foch.

## COLOURED WATER AS BRANDY.

TWO CHINESE VENDORS FINED AT KOWLOON.

## ATTEMPT AT FRAUD.

Arising out of the arrest of two Chinese who attempted to sell what purported to be Hennessy brandy to Mr. F. X. Squa, of No. 3, Minden Avenue, Kowloon, charges of fraud were brought against both men before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Both defendants were alleged to have attempted to defraud the complainant by selling him coloured water under the pretext that it was brandy.

The first defendant said the "brandy" had been given to him by a friend and he did not know that it was only coloured water.

The second accused said that he had merely gone with the first defendant.

His Worship asked if it would have been better to have brought the charge under the Food and

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Drugs Ordinance, as it would not be necessary to prove guilty knowledge.

Inspector Ogg replied that the subject of the charge was neither food nor drug. He thought, however, that the defendants' actions were sufficient proof of guilty knowledge.

Mr. Sousa, in evidence, said the two defendants offered to sell two bottles of "Hennessy brandy" for \$5, but later agreed to sell them for \$4. Before completing the transaction, witness asked his daughter to get a corker, as he wished to ascertain whether the contents were brandy or tea.

As soon as his intentions became known to the defendants, they both ran away, witness chasing and catching the second.

His Worship registered a conviction and fined each defendant \$50, or one month's hard labour.

His Worship (to Inspector Ogg)—I don't think there will be any desire to confiscate the brandy?

Inspector Ogg:—We will see to that. I don't think there will be any fight over it.

by members of the Ex-Active Service Men's Association and members of the British Legion.

Headed by Lieut. Com. T. T. Laurence, D.S.C., R.N.R., President of "Easma" and Lieut. Col. G. K. Hall Brutton President of the British Legion, members of both organizations marched solemnly to the foot of the Cenotaph where wreaths were laid.

The tribute from "Easma" was composed of the French flag in the centre of a wreath of palm leaves and white lilies, while "Flanders" poppies and the tricolour of France were prominent in the wreath from the British Legion.

Besides the Presidents there were also present the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Mr. H. A. Rodgers (Chairman of the Committee of "Easma"), Mr. A. Percy (Secretary of the British Legion), Rev. G. T. Walgrave, Mr. A. Murdoch, Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, Mr. L. S. Greenhill, Mr. H. L. Denny, Mr. G. W. Sewell, and other members.

## HOTEL DISASTER REFERENCE.

THE FIRE BRIGADE COMPLIMENTED.

AT TO-DAY'S INSURANCE CO. MEETING.

## COMPANY'S OUTLOOK.

Presiding at the annual shareholders' meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., this morning, Mr. B. D. F. Both made reference to the King Edward Hotel fire, saying it was greatly to the credit of the Fire Brigade that they were able to prevent the whole of one of the most important blocks in the business centre of the city from becoming involved.

Reference was also made to the unsettled conditions and lack of security throughout China, together with acute competition for insurance business, and Mr. Both remarked that although there was no fire of unusual importance last year in the Far East, severe outbreaks in many other parts of the world where the Company operates were responsible for heavy claims.

A very satisfactory report of the Company's progress was reported, and it was stated that from the present appearance of the final balance of the 1928 account it should prove well up to the average of recent years.

### Chairman's Speech.

Addressing the shareholders, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—Before commencing the business of this meeting, I wish to record the deep regret of your General Managers and Consulting Committee at the death of Mr. H. P. White which occurred on the 28th of last month. Mr. White first took his seat on the Consulting Committee in the year 1905 and during the subsequent period of 24 years he devoted much care and attention to the welfare of this Company.

The report and accounts having now been in your hands for some days, I propose, with your permission, to follow the usual custom of taking them as read.

The result of our operations for the year 1927, now under review, has, I am pleased to say, again been highly successful. The account has run off, leaving a credit balance of \$788,521.47 which, though slightly less than in the year 1926, is substantially above the average of recent years. It is satisfactory to be able to record that our premium income again exceeds that for the previous year, for with continued unsettled conditions and lack of security throughout China, together with the acute competition for what ever business may be offering in this and almost all other markets, the problem of maintaining our revenue is one which occasions your General Managers and Consulting Committee much concern.

The ratio of losses works out at 34.12 per cent, as against 35.17 per cent for the year 1926, whilst the expense ratio has increased to 89.88 per cent, as against 88.69 per cent for the preceding year. The rate of exchange at which the figures are shown is practically the same as last year.

### Well up to Average.

The balance at credit of the Working Account for 1928 is \$675,329.18, or \$27,555.92 less than the carry forward for 1927 after twelve months' working, but, in the present depressed conditions of trade generally, it cannot be regarded as other than satisfactory. It is early yet to venture an opinion as to the ultimate result of this account, but from present appearances the final balance should prove well up to the average of recent years.

The surplus to be dealt with at this meeting is \$738,521.47 and we recommend the payment of a dividend of 43 per cent, the same as last year, absorbing \$344,000, the appropriation of \$25,000—\$247,422.68 to Gold Reserve, \$100,000 to Silver Reserve and the balance of \$47,098.79—\$4,758.18-10 to Re-insurance Fund.

All our reserves are in a satisfactory condition. The Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account shows an appreciation of approximately \$130,000, which amount is also reflected on the asset side of the balance sheet. This is due chiefly to appreciation in the market values of our gold and

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## TRADE MISSION TO RUSSIA.

LARGE BRITISH DELEGATION NOW ON ITS WAY.

## GUESTS OF THE SOVIET.

London, Mar. 25.

The British Industrial Mission to Russia organised by the Anglo-Russian Committee in London recently, has left for Moscow. The delegation numbers 55, representing more than a hundred and fifty firms and trading organisations, and covering nearly every important branch of British manufacture and commerce.

It is claimed by the organisers that the delegation is the most comprehensive and influential combination of commercial and industrial interests that has ever left England on a similar mission.

Its object is to study conditions in Russia and to survey and investigate openings for British trade.

The question of credits and of Russian financial resources will form an important part of the enquiry.

The delegates expect to remain in Russia for three or four weeks, during which time they will be the guests of the Soviet Government.

They will be met at Ostend by a special train which will take them to the Russian frontier, from where another special train will take them on to Moscow.—Reuter and British Wireless.

## THE KING MAKING GOOD PROGRESS.

MAY GO TO WINDSOR SOME TIME IN MAY.

London, Mar. 25.

H.M. the King passed another good day. His Majesty went out for three-quarters of an hour into the grounds of Craigwell House, and, for the first time, did not use his bath chair.

It is understood that the King has made big strides since he has been going out into the grounds, but it is emphasised that His Majesty is still weak and tires easily.

It is considered likely that His Majesty may go to Windsor some time in May, if he continues to progress satisfactorily, so that he will be near London at the time of the General Election.—British Wireless.

## SUNDERLAND DROP USEFUL POINTS.

LOSE TO VILLA IN LEAGUE MATCH.

London, Mar. 25.

In the First Division of the Football League to-day, Aston Villa defeated Sunderland by three goals to one.

The game was played at Villa Park, and the result has an important bearing on the League Championship, the leading positions being:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Wednesday	35	19	8	6	71	50	46
Sunderland	35	18	0	11	82	57	42
Leicester	33	16	7	10	74	55	39
Derby	35	16	7	12	68	57	29
Aston Villa	33	17	4	12	74	63	38

## SPANISH FLIGHT TO SOUTH AMERICA.

NON-STOP ATTEMPT BY NOTED AVIATORS.

Seville, Mar. 25.

The first Transatlantic flight attempt of 1929 began from Seville to-day when the well-known Spanish aviator, Captain Jimenez and Captain Inglesias took off for a non-stop flight to South America.

The aviators are flying in the "Jesus del Gran Poder" the machine in which they flew to Baara last year.—Reuter.

### "SOME RAIN."

To-day's Observatory report says the Bonins anticyclone has dispersed. The other is central to the East of Vladivostok. Depressions are shown over the Eastern Sea and over North Indo-China. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—S.E. or variable winds, moderate; generally overcast; some rain and fog.

## I'M ALONE SINKING INCIDENT.

HIGH INDIGNATION IN UNITED STATES.

SCATHING ATTACK ON THE U.S. COASTGUARDS.

## BRITISH EXAMINATION.

New York, Mar. 25.  
"The most cowardly thing since the German submarine outrages" is the description applied by the New York Evening Post, one of the leading and most conservative newspapers in the United States, to the shelling and sinking of the British schooner "Im Alone" by an American coastguard cutter.

The sensational affair occurred off the coast of Louisiana in the Gulf of Mexico, the cutter "Dexter" giving chase to the "Im Alone" an alleged rum-runner, and sinking her within five minutes by shell-fire when her skipper, Captain Randall refused to surrender.

### Vessel's Casualties.

A negro seaman, a naturalised Britisher, was killed by gunfire, Captain Randall was shot through the leg just below the hip, and partially paralysed, while a French member of the crew was drowned.

The crew of the "Im Alone" were forced to jump overboard when their craft was wrecked, and they were picked up by the coast-guard cutter and taken into New Orleans, manacled.

These facts are admitted, but it is alleged by Captain Randall that the "Im Alone" was outside the twelve mile limit when the "Dexter" arrived on the scene, while much indignation is felt in American as well as in British circles that the "Im Alone" was sunk in such circumstances, shell-fire apparently continuing long after she was disabled.

### British Official Action.

Sir Ernie Howard, the British Ambassador in Washington, paid a call at the State Department yesterday in connexion with the affair, and a Reuter message from Washington says that State Department officials are taking a very serious view of the matter. The Treasury Department have been asked for a statement from the Coastguard Service.

### Later.

Mr. Mellon, the Secretary to the Treasury, has received a report from the Coastguard Service on the sinking of the "Im Alone" and he declares that "The coastguard cutter seems to have been within the law and justified in what it did."

### "Don't Own the Seas."

The New York evening paper Telegram, however, contains a scathing leader in reference to the incident, saying that the United States is now in the midst of a dangerous armaments race with Great Britain largely owing to the issue of the freedom of the seas. "Yet," the paper goes on, "we are the first to violate that principle, which from the beginning America has tried to make the corner-stone of international law."

"We don't own the seas yet and we can't dry them up even under the Volstead Act."

The Evening Post, which is in no way Prohibitionist, describes the incident frankly as "the most cowardly thing since the German submarine outrages."

### Getting the Facts.

It is also learned that the British Ambassador has received from the British Consulate at New Orleans, a full report of the affair, while Mr. Kellogg is now awaiting a similarly full report from the Treasury Department.

It is stated that it has not yet been established whether the British schooner was within the prescribed hour's run of the coast when killed.

A message from Ottawa states that the Canadian Government is involved in the "Im Alone" sinking incident, as the vessel was registered in Canada.

### War Hero.

Captain Randall, the skipper of the ill-fated craft, was an officer in the British Naval Reserve during the War, and for heroic service (Continued on Page 14.)



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**THE HOTEL FIRE DISASTER.**

**MYSTERIOUS BAGGAGE UNDER THE STAIRCASE.**

**ESCAPE EXIT KEYS.**

The principal point of interest at the fifth sitting yesterday of the Coroner's Inquiry, held by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, into the circumstances of the King Edward Hotel fire, was the presence of a number of rattan and wicker baskets in the pile of baggage left under the staircase at the time of the outbreak.

The baggage man of the Hotel stated that the baskets were left there by a man who appeared to be one of the party of officials accompanying Marshal Li Chai-sum on his voyage up North a few days before the fire.

Mr. G. Woudenberg, a resident living in Room No. 402, on the fourth floor, said he was roused from sleep by police whistles, but attributed these to a street row. The insistent noise, however, worried him, and at length he got out of bed and went out on the verandah, which was on the Des Voeux Road side. He saw people collecting on the roadway, and, realising that something must be seriously wrong, went back into his room and out into the passage. He found it filled with smoke, and for the first time realised that the Hotel was on fire.

He immediately ran down the main staircase, but was driven back by the smoke and flames after he had got down as far as the second floor. Running up the staircase, he got back on his own floor and there met the children of Mr. Wittchell coming down. Mr. Wittchell also came into view, together they stopped and turned back the children, ascending to the fifth floor, from where they made their escape into the basement by way of the stone staircase. Finally, they got into the back lane behind the Hotel.

**Unnecessary Run.**  
By the Coroner: In the dark he stumbled down the steps of the main staircase and grazed his knees a good many times. He had lived in the Hotel for some time and knew of the existence of the stone staircase.

When he got into the back lane, which was with Mr. Wittchell, he did not see any firemen. He proceeded straight to the receiving room of the Hongkong Hotel and only in his pyjamas, having left everything else behind in his room.

**By the jury:** It did not occur to him to make for the stone staircase when he was on the third floor by simply turning to his left, instead of running all the way up to the top again.

Mr. L. M. Heras, another resident, who lived in Room No. 22, on the second floor, described how he was taken off by firemen. Like most other residents, he was lying asleep when roused by the noise attendant upon the discovery of the outbreak. In his case, he said he thought it was a burglar whose presence in the building was causing all the noise, but as he opened, cautiously, the door of his room, he sensed smoke. The corridor was filled with it, and he retreated, back into his room, realising that he would in all likelihood be suffocated if he endeavoured to get through to the stone fire escape.

**Rescued by Firemen.**  
By the Coroner: He knew of the existence of this fire escape, having stayed in the Hotel for some length of time.

Going out on the verandah he shouted into the street, and was lucky enough to attract the attention of firemen, who drew up an escape ladder which he climbed down.

**By the jury:** He remembered asking an Indian policeman as soon as he got down into the street what the time was, and the latter had then told him that it was three o'clock.

The Coroner: You said when you went out on the verandah the men were already outside in the street?

Witness provoked some amusement by replying: Yes, otherwise I would not be here to tell you all about it. I owe my life to those firemen.

Lau Hoi, a runner and baggage man employed at the Hotel, was called to give evidence with particular reference to a number of rattan baskets of the kind used by Chinese to carry luggage, and which were stored under the staircase in close proximity to the spot where flames were first observed.

**Owners of Baggage.**

He said that, of the pile of baggage left there, two camphor wood trunks and steel box belonged to a European called Burns, a red wardrobe trunk and a black box to the Frenchman, Ballo, a suitcase and a rattan basket to a Chinese named F. C. Chang, and also four Japanese rattan baskets, one large and three small wicker baskets, a bundle of bedding and a leather grip, belonging to "C. Lin."

**By the Coroner:** The European luggage was at the bottom of the pile. The wicker and rattan baskets belonged to "C. Lin" who occupied Room No. 505.

Inspector Lane said he had looked up the register of the Hotel and found that the room was in the occupation of the late lady doctor, Mrs. Wong Yuk-ying, who died in the fire.

Witness explained that the man known as "C. Lin" came into the Hotel at an earlier date, and left on the 8th. On the 8th, an attendant came down to stick labels on the various pieces of luggage, but only five were taken away. The remaining pieces, including the rattan and wicker baskets, were left behind, it was understood, to be forwarded on by the next steamer.

**Li Chai-sum's Party.**  
By the Coroner: He did not know who or what this "C. Lin" was, except that he assumed he must be one of Marshal Li Chai-sum's party, who left on the Blue Funnel liner sailing on that date, this from the fact that his attendant (the same man who stuck the labels on the luggage) was seen in conversation with members of the Marshal's party.

Cheung Chung-shun, storekeeper and purchasing commissaire of the King Edward Hotel, said he kept a desk in the basement of the building and sometimes slept there. He was not on the premises on the night of the fire.

He knew Chau Pak to be the watchman employed by the Hotel, but could not say under whose particular control the man was, if not under Mr. Wittchell's. He understood that the two doors in the establishment—the iron gate at the bottom of the fire escape and the exit from the basement—were closed every night at 11 o'clock, the keys being in the custody of the watchman on duty. Probably, sometimes the keys were kept in the drawers of his desk.

The Coroner observed that evidence had been given by the watchman that those keys were kept by him in that desk.

**Names of the Partners.**  
Inspector Lane said that they had gone into the basement since the previous sitting, and found the drawers of the desk referred to, securely locked. They had to be forced open, but no keys were found therein, except for an old and apparently disused key with the inscription "backgate key" on it.

Witness, replying to the Coroner, said that the watchman was not under his control. He was engaged by two men, who were partners of the Hotel business.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo, Counsel representing Mr. Wittchell, interposed to say that at this juncture they were not in the position to disclose the names of partners until a special order was made by the Court to do so.

The Coroner said he was trying to find out from witness whether it was Mr. Wittchell or any of the partners who had control over the watchman.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jr., who represents the proprietors, said that the names mentioned by the witness were probably those of two of the three partners by whom he was briefed.

Upon witness claiming that he was engaged by yet another partner, and that he himself had a small interest in the business, the Coroner remarked that before long Mr. d'Almada might discover 27 "shadowy partners" in place of the three whom he represented.

The hearing was adjourned until Wednesday at 2.15 p.m.

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AN' NEITHER CAN I, KITTY—I'VE SPENT HOURS STUDYIN' IT, AN' ANSWERIN' PHONE CALLS FROM CUSTOMERS WHO'VE SEEN SAM SAILIN' AROUND TOWN—HE'S GOT EVERYBODY PUZZLED!

THERE'S TH' PHONE AGOIN'! YOU ANSWER IT, KITTY! I'M GOIN' HOME TA LUNCH JUST TA GET AWAY FROM THIS CRAZY STUFF FOR A WHILE.

SAM JUST FLEW OVER TH' HOUSE WITH THAT SO MANY PHONE CALLS! HE'S BEEN MIXED UP NAME ON THE BLIMP! EVERYWHERE, I GUESS AN' I'VE BEEN ASKED BY PEOPLE ALL DAY AS TO WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT—BY GAWD, I'LL CROWN TH' NEXT ONE WHO ASKS ME WHAT IT MEANS!

WELL, WHAT DOES IT MEAN?





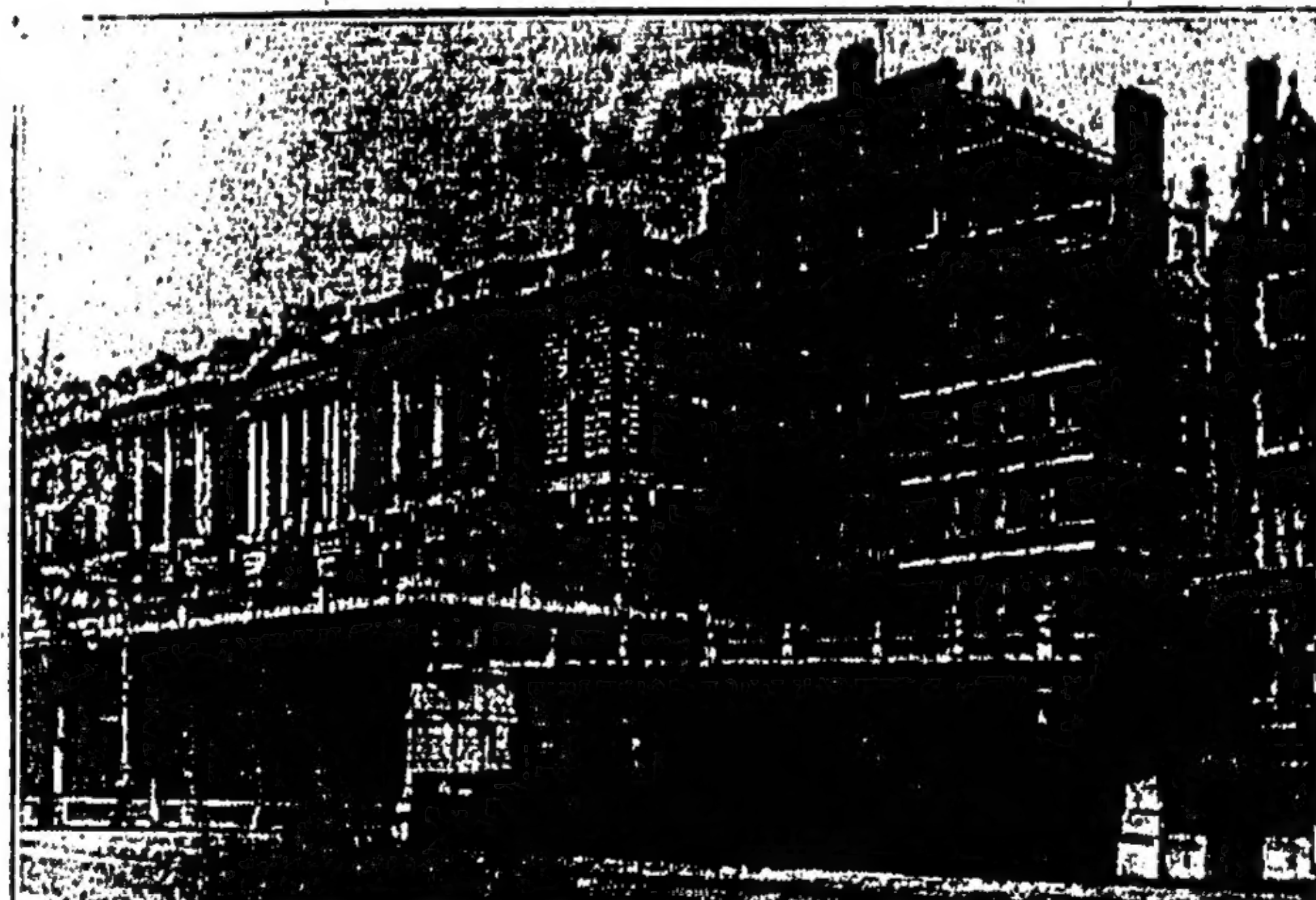
Our picture was taken in Shanghai on the occasion of the annual dinner of the Electrical Power Engineers Association of China. It was the first of such functions.



This photograph was taken after an interesting ceremony on board the Shanghai Revenue cruiser, Liuhsing, when Liu Chao, retiring 1st Boatswain, was presented with a silver shield by the Chinese and foreign members of the Marine Department, Chinese Maritime Customs, in appreciation of his services for thirty-eight years on Revenue cruisers.



Several well-known people are shown above at a recent Shanghai paper hunt. From left to right in the back row are soon: Mr. W. Yinson Lee, Dr. Wu Lien-teh (famous plague expert), Mr. Hawkins, Dr. C. E. Lim (Peking), Dr. Lim (Harbin).



Our picture shows the Embankment frontage of King's College, London, showing the brick buildings at the east end which it is proposed to rebuild in the very near future. (Times copyright).



A brief glance should reveal that the above picture was never taken in the year of grace 1929. It represents, in fact a garden-party taken in the summer of 1866 at Holly Lodge, Highgate, the residence of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts. (Times copyright).



Marshal Li Chai-sum, who has been detained by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek following the Wuhan impasse. It is feared he may be held as a hostage for Canton's neutrality.



Pyjamas as usual provide the most suitable attire in fashionable beach circles on the Florida coast.



Mr. H. L. Stimson, the former Governor-General of the Philippines, and Mr. Hoover's Secretary of State, has just arrived in the United States.

## New Ties for Spring.

Welch Margetsons' ENGLISH PRINTED FOULARDS.

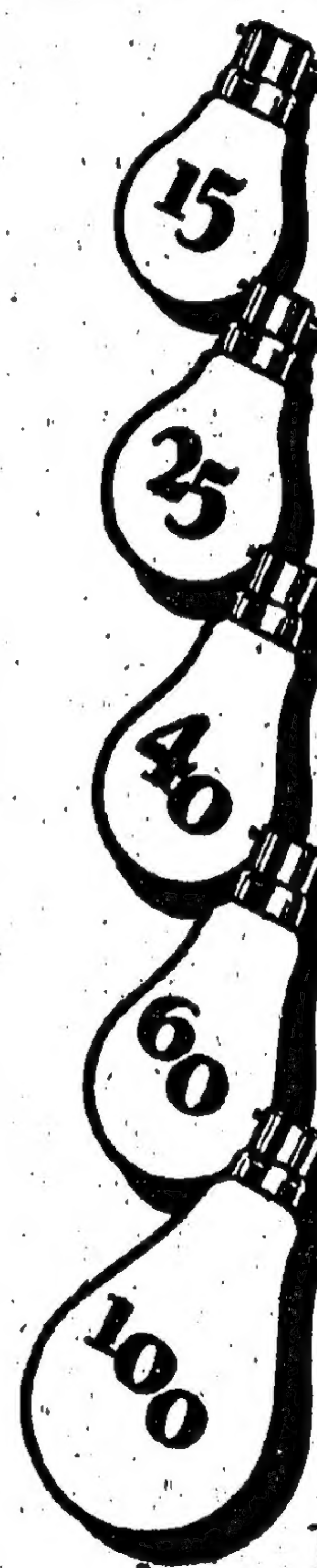
A range of Ties that will suit every taste for colour and design. Made of superfine quality Foulard Silk in a selection of newest Spring patterns.

Tensile lining—the lining which will not become twisted in wear.

BOWS \$2.00. LONG TIES \$3.50

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### POSITION WANTED.

GOOD Wash Amah and Cook Boy available 1st April. Recommended. Apply Barker, Tel. No. Peak 122.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

PICTURE EXHIBITION at Komor and Komor. Water colours, Pastels and Oil paintings by the foremost artists will open Tuesday the 3rd April, for ten days only.

CLOSING SALE at Fook Weng & Co., China Building, Hongkong, for Canton Shawis. Swatow Linen, Silk and every description of Oriental Art Objects.

### FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.—Harley-Davidson complete with comfortable sidecar, perfect running order. Bargain to immediate purchaser. Write Box No. 496, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."

FOR SALE.—One Standard Marine Engine, 24-27 H.P., complete with propeller shaft and fuel tank. One Kelvin Marine Engine, 50 H.P., complete with propeller, shaft and fuel tank. Apply to Standard Oil Company of New York, Union Building.

### TO LET OR FOR SALE.

TO LET OR FOR SALE.—At Fanling (in On Lok Village), furnished or unfurnished, 4 Roomed HOUSE with Garden and Garage. Moderate Price. Apply KWONG SANG HONG, Ltd., 250, Des Voeux Road Central.

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TO LET.—No. 3 King's Park Buildings, Austin Road, Kowloon, 4 roomed FLAT with modern conveniences. Apply The Union Trading Co., Ltd., York Building.

TO LET.—One Large Office Room at Kayamally Building. Apply to Kayamally and Co., 20, Queen's Road, Central.

TO LET.—A Spacious and Well-Lighted Godown, 151, Praya East. Apply:—Gande, Price & Co., Ltd.

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## New Advertisements

### ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

#### "TREVESA TROPHY."

The eleventh bi-annual race for ships' lifeboats will be called on Wednesday, the 27th March, starting at 4 p.m.

Each ship may enter any number of boats. COURSE:—Start from Channel Rocks, thence to Kowloon Rock (P), Mark off Yacht Club (S), East Rock Gas Buoy (P), finish at the Yacht Club across the line from West to East.

Competing boats should be in position at the starting line by 3.30 p.m.

Ships proposing to enter boats are requested to notify the Hon. Secretary, Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, not later than noon, on the 27th March.

Launches for the use of the General Public will leave Queen's Pier at 3 p.m. on Wednesday.

R. J. VERNALL,

Hon. Secretary, R.H.K.Y.C., Hongkong, 12th March, 1929.

### HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The second Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 30th March and on Monday, 1st April, 1929, commencing at 2 p.m. on both days.

The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1 per day for all persons including Ladies.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price. Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, at \$5 each per day up to Thursday, 28th March, 1929.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2 per day.

Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

### A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-fourth Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Thursday, the 28th March, 1929, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1928. The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, the 23rd day of March to Thursday, the 28th day of March, 1929, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Manager, Hongkong, 18th March, 1929.

### THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

#### NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, 27th March, 1929, at NOON, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1928.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 19th to the 27th March, 1929, (both days inclusive).

By Order of the

Board of Directors,

R. M. DYER,

Chief Manager, Hongkong, 18th March, 1929.

### KWONG HANG & CO.

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Peak ..... at \$23.00 per ton.  
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Kowloon ..... \$17.00 " "

The above prices include delivery charges to destination.

## LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on WEDNESDAY, the 27th March, 1929, commencing at 11 a.m., at No. 1, Salford Terrace, Kowloon  
A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

(Particulars as per Catalogue). On view from Tuesday, the 26th March, 1929.  
Terms:—Cash on Delivery.  
LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers, Hongkong, March 20, 1929.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on WEDNESDAY, the 27th March, 1929, at 12 o'clock Noon, at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

8 Cases Brocades, 1 Case Flash Light Case, 83 Cases Eveready Batteries.  
Terms:—Cash on Delivery.  
LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on WEDNESDAY, the 27th March, 1929, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at No. 18, Conduit Road.  
A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

comprising:—Armchairs, Couch, Occasional Chair, Card Table, Carpet, Blackwood Pedestal, Screen, Sewing Machine, Perambulator, etc., etc. Teak Dining Table, Dining Chairs, Dinner Wagon, Ice Chest, Sideboard, Crockery, etc., etc. Linen Cupboard, Bedstead and Nesta (Patent) Spring Mattress, Child Cot Patent with Hair Mattresses, Washstand, Shanghai Baths, Porcelain Wash Basin, etc., etc.

On View from Tuesday, the 26th March, 1929.

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Catalogues will be issued.  
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on THURSDAY, the 28th March, 1929, commencing at 11 a.m. at No. 6, Granville Road, Second Floor Kowloon.  
A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

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1 Special Imported White Enamel Cooking Stove, 2 Cottage Pianos, 2 Wardrobe Trunks, 3 Hat Boxes, 1 Refrigerator.  
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### PUBLIC AUCTION.

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on THURSDAY, the 28th March, 1929, at 3 o'clock p.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

One Ingersoll-Rand 7"x6", Type 20, Portable Air Compressor, Gasoline Engine Driver, mounted on wooden skids complete. Horse Power 25, Air Pressure 100 lbs. per square inch gauge, Capacity 160 c. ft. per minute (for operating pneumatic rock drills, revivifying hammers, etc., etc.)—now stored at The Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company's Yard, Chatham Road, Kowloon.

For further particulars and inspection orders, apply to the undersigned.

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One Harley Davidson Flat Twin Motor Cycle, 4 H.P. Electric Model and One Triumph Combination.

On View on Day of Sale.

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comprising:—Teak Hatstand, Glass Cabinet, Chesterfield Couch and Armchairs, Bookcases, Gramophones, Carpets, Stugs, Tricycle, Oil Paintings, Pictures, Deaks, Electrical Ware, Porcelain and Brass Ware, etc., etc.

Teak Dining Tables, Dining Chairs, Sideboards, Dinner Wagons, Ice Chests, Dinner Crockery, Glass Ware, Kitchen Utensils, Filters, etc., etc. Teak, Iron and Brass Bedsteads with Mattresses, Single and Double Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, Washstands, Toilet Crockery, Linen Cupboard, Blankets, etc., etc.

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on THURSDAY, the 28th March, 1929, commencing at 10.30 a.m. at the Standard Oil Company's Installation, Lai-chikok.

A Large Quantity of Surplus Stores.

comprising:—Anchor, Brass Bushing, Burner (complete Fuel Oil Burning Outfit) Leather Belting, Watchman Clocks, Westinghouse Dynamos, Engines, Faucets, Hydrant, S. C. Revivifying Hammers, Wire Wound Hose, R. H. Lacey, Motor, Pipe Threading Machine, Rotary Pumps, Screw Drivers, Screws, Hand Taps, Tees, Spar Varnish, Valves, Delco Lighting Plant, etc., etc.

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## SHARE PRICES.

### TO-DAY QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

#### Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1245 a. Chartered Bank, \$31 b. Mercantile A. & B., \$34 n. P. and O. \$91 n. East As a \$901 n.

#### Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$695 b. Union Ins., \$384 a. North China Ins., Tls. 160 b. Yangtze Ins., \$50 n. China Underwriters, \$2.20 b. China Fire, \$290 b. H. K. Fire Ins., \$795 b.

#### Shipping.

Douglas, \$36 n. H. K. Steamboats, \$26 s. H. K. Tugs, \$240 n. Indo-China, (Def.) \$32 n. Union Waterboats, \$221 b.

#### Mining.

Bengueta, \$2.75 b. Kailans, \$4 n. Langkate, Tls. 14 b. S'hai Exploration, Tls. 3.00 sa. Raubs, \$7.10 b. Tronohs, 17/6 n.

#### Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$126 a. Whampoa Docks, \$37 s. China Provident, \$4.65 s. Pongkwa, Tls 169 b. New Engineering, Tls. 4.85 n. Shanghai Docks, Tls. 117 b.

#### Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 13. s. Orientals, Tls. 2 n. S'hai Cottons, Tls. 72 (old) n.

#### Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$9.20 s. H. K. Lands, \$931 n. S'hai Lands Tls. 1691 b. Humphreys, \$14 b. Realities, \$3.60 n.

#### Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$18.50 s. Peak Tram, (old) \$121 sa. Star Ferries, \$68 n. China Lights, (Old) \$13.75 b. H. K. Electric, \$56 b. Macao Electric, \$201 n. Telephone, \$7.10 n. China Bus, Tls. 11.75 n. Singapore Traction, 11/6 n.

#### Industrials.

China Sugars, \$1.05 s. Malabone, \$30 b. Canton Iron, \$2 s. Coments (Comh.) \$93 s. Ropes (Old) \$71 b. United Asbestos, \$5 n.

#### Stores etc.

Dairy Farms, \$201 s. Watsons, \$14 b. Der A. Wing, \$80 b. Lano Crawford, \$21 n. Mackintosh, \$20 n. Sincoros, \$11 b.

#### Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$25.00 b. Constructions, \$1.25 s. B'que Ind. G. Bonds, \$661% H.K.G. Loan 61 s. Prem. Interest.

\*Direct losses to Pollah railways and coal mines from the great frost, says Reuter, exceed \$1,000,000.

In Wandsworth now electoral list there are 98,909 women and 80,106 men.

## LETTER GOLF

After all is SAID and DONE this puzzle appears easy, but before that it may look a little tricky. Par is four.

S	A	I	D
D	O	N	E

1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to Hen, in three strokes, COW, HOW HEW HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

\*One solution is printed on another page.

## POST OFFICE NOTICE

### RADIO NOTICES.

The Radio Office is now situated on the ground floor of the P. & O. Building on Des Voeux Road, next to the General Post Office. This office is open day and night.

All particulars as to ships in communication, rates, etc., may be obtained at the Radio Office as above.

Radio Telegrams may be sent to Europe, America, Philippines Islands, Dutch East Indies and many other destinations, also to Canton and many places in South China. Full particulars at the Radio Office.

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this. Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

REGISTERED and PARCELS MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

It is hereby notified that on and after 1st January, 1929:—

(a) the radio rate on messages to Macao will be 10 cents per word, and

(b) the charges on messages to all Ship Stations, irrespective of Nationality, will be on the basis of a word rate, pure and simple, with no minimum charge.

Direct wireless communication has now been established between Hongkong and the Kiangsi Stations at Wuchow, Nanning and Luchow—the charge is \$0.20 per word. Messages will also be accepted for Kwai-Yang and Changsha by above routes—the charge being \$0.80 per word. No charge will be collected from the addressee for the delivery service.

Wedding cake for transmission by post to places outside the Colony must be securely packed in tin boxes.

It is hereby notified that on and after 15th March, the rates for radio telegrams from Hongkong to the undermentioned places in Kwangtung Province (except Canton) will be as follows:—

Hongkong to Canton ..... \$0.50 per word.

Kowloon, Swatow, Hoihow, Sanmai and Chungshan } direct ..... \$0.20 per word.

In both cases the addressee will be required to pay an additional charge due to the Receiving Station of \$0.20 per word; this charge also applies to radiotelegrams received at Hongkong from Fakhel, Swatow, Hoihow, Sanmai and Chungshan.

### INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Shanghai	General Mail	March 26.
Shanghai and Amoy	Ningpo	March 26.
Japan, Shanghai, and Europe via Siberia, London, 7th and 8th March	Tenjo Maru	March 27.
Japan	St. Albans	March 27.
Shanghai and Swatow	Boochow	March 27.
Swatow	Van Heuts	March 27.
Batavia	Chononcoaux	March 28.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of France	March 28.
Europe via Suez, (letters and papers), London, 28th Feb., and Parcels, 21st Feb.	Mantua	March 28.
Shanghai	Malwa	March 29.
Straits	Tilawa	March 29.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Lincoln	March 29.
Straits	Lahore	March 29.
Straits	Kamo Maru	April 1.
Manila	Pera Grant	April 1.
Shanghai	Calchas	April 2.
Japan	Kanagawa Maru	April 4.

### OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Amoy	Szechuen	Tues., Mar. 26, 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui Wuchow	Kong So	Tues., Mar. 26, 4 p.m.
Batavia	Clara Jobert	Tues., Mar.



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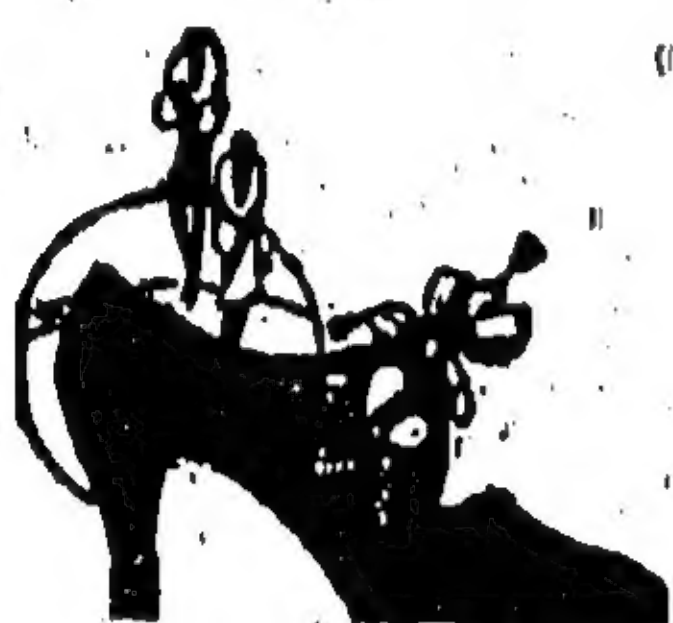
### "Now Active, Plump and Lovely."

Shanghai School Teacher Tells How His Little Ones Have Been Helped By

Baby's Own Tablets.

Mr. Li Tsien Tsang is teacher of English at the Tel. Lu Public School, Avenue Dubail, Shanghai. "My child, Shih Moi," Mr. Li writes, "frequently suffered from indigestion, diarrhoea and colds, which caused him restless nights, fretfulness and loss of his playful spirits until I gave him Baby's Own Tablets and thus succeeded in restoring the boy to health. He is now no longer fretful, but is active, plump and lovely. I have also given Baby's Own Tablets to my second child, Shih Tien, and he likewise is strong and healthy through the use of them."

Baby's Own Tablets are a simple, pleasant and absolutely safe remedy for children's stomach and bowel troubles. They make teething easy and painless, quickly cool feverishness, check diarrhoea, relieve cramp and colds, expel worms. Your chemist sells them, or post free, 60 cents per vial, from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 60, Kingsway Road, Shanghai.



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[By a Beauty Expert.]

The average business girl has no time for elaborate beauty treatments. Fortunately, these are not essential, and some of the simplest things are most effective. For instance, elderflower water and lemon juice, equal parts, is an effective bleach. The former can be bought quite cheaply from the chemist. Apply to the skin with a soft pad. The lemon juice alone will quickly remove the yellow film from teeth, and stains from the fingers, and is a splendid brightener for fair hair.

For this, add to it an equal quantity of bay rum, and damp the hair with it before fixing the waving combs or pins. If the combs are left until the hair is thoroughly dry the waves will be alluringly soft and light, and will remain in several days, if a shingle cap is worn at night.

Two teaspoonfuls of olive oil added to the shampoo before being applied to the head will give dry hair just the resilience it needs, and prevents the harshness that one sometimes gets after a shampoo.

If the hair is absolutely unmanageable after it has been washed add a tablespoonful of vinegar to the last rinsing water. This makes it "behave." Sometimes the prettiest hair loses its charm because soap has been left in. The juice of a lemon in the last rinsing water ensures every particle of soap being removed, and the hair is more lustrous in consequence.



The all-white evening frock is the wise girl's choice for important occasions. Here is a lovely one fashioned of white satin beaute, lightly embroidered on the shapely bodice with a design in seed pearls.



The pleated skirt of the model on the left is made of dove grey crepe de chine, and the jumper of fine stockinette with collar, jabot, cuffs and binding of crepe de chine. Printed crepe—one of fashion's favourites this season—materialises the frock on the right, the deep revers and the half-sleeves being in georgette to tone.

### Some Marriage Considerations.

[By a Girl of To-day.]

It is very hard that although we have got so far in establishing our claim to equality, with man we still cannot induce the world to view the advantages of marriage in their right proportion.

I do not suggest that marriage is not still an excellent thing for a girl; I merely claim that it is also an excellent thing for a man and that the advantages of the contract are often about equally divided. But the world persists in taking a very different view of the case, and it is most unreasonable and provoking.

When a charming girl very kindly marries some ordinary man who is looked upon, by her elders at any rate, as being either very clever or very lucky, while he is considered either a victim or one not flinching from duty.

If a woman does not marry it is all too apt to be taken for granted that it is for lack of opportunity, or if she is a very charming spinster the best she can hope is that her acquaintances will assume she had some unfortunate love affair, which they will probably refer to as "a disappointment."

Your bachelor, on the contrary, is a creature who is congratulated on escaping the peril, or playfully reproved for his selfishness in enjoying his liberty instead of doing his duty by the State and making some little woman happy.

One never hears the words: "I wonder why he didn't marry," but "I wonder why she didn't marry" is often said, especially by one of those conceited males. And the sad thing is that women are often such traitors that instead

### The Slimming Process.

[By Lady Neish.]

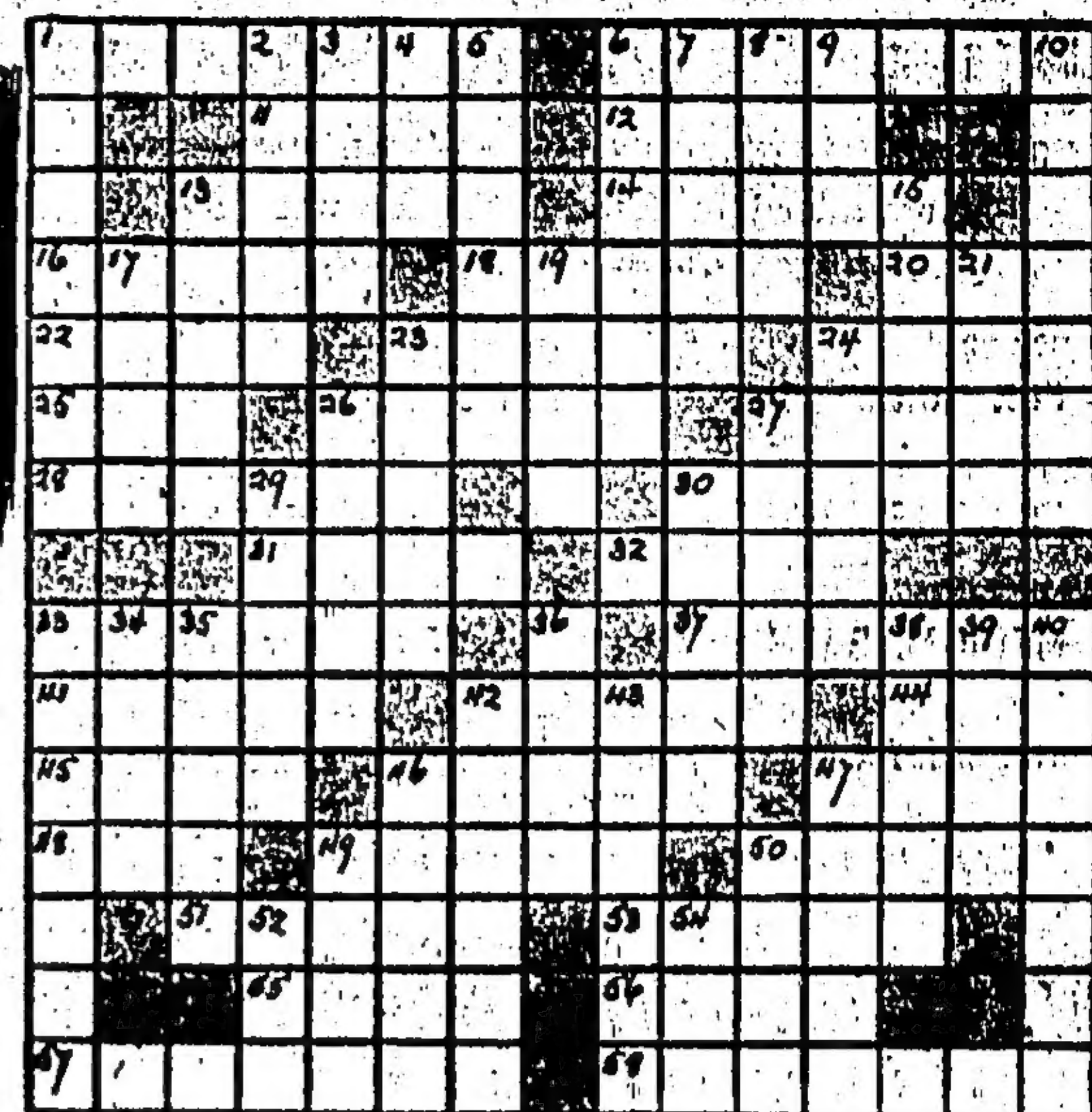
Do you sleep too well and too long? It is quite easy. Lots of women do it even in these days of hectic rush and pleasure. Women who are inclined to fat must rest and sleep, but only reasonably. They should avoid lingering in bed half asleep and half awake. They should shun breakfast in bed like the plague, and, above all, give up that tempting half-hour after a possibly too-good luncheon.

Sleep can be the means of a beautiful recuperation. It can also be sloth and a weariness of added flesh. It is well for the getting stout to keep her mind awake also. I know women who boast they do not bother their heads about anything, but they will find fat is a nuisance to getting about besides spoiling their looks. And they should remember it is far easier to keep thin than to get thin when once you have grown stout.

Of replying, "Ha, she was so wily, she escaped you all," they produce the disappointment theory, or perhaps suggest that the friend in question didn't know how to make the best of herself.

What makes this unaccountable attitude so very galling is that actually, of course, man has all the advantage and woman all the trouble in married life. Why should a girl with a perfectly good home, run by her mother, where she probably has no harder responsibility than sometimes doing the flowers, wish to take upon herself the cares of a housewife, unless it be from motives of pure selfishness?

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Across

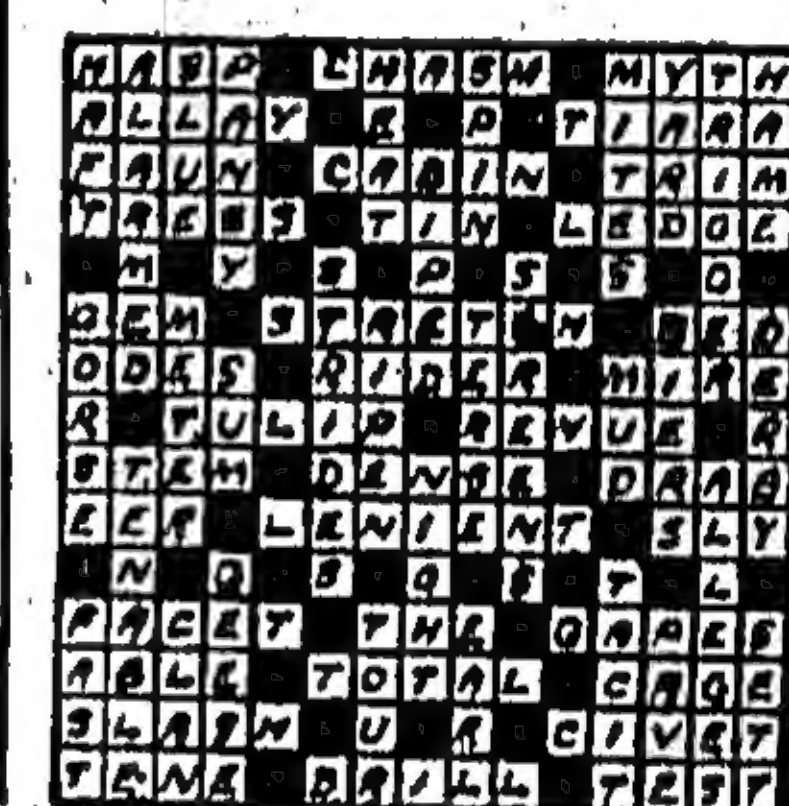
- 1 Exuberant.
- 6 Military engineers.
- 11 Gnomes of the lily.
- 12 Basement yard.
- 13 Feeds.
- 14 Sly looks.
- 16 Common tree.
- 18 Entire.
- 20 Ever.
- 22 Helps.
- 23 Hopulse.
- 24 Two-winged insect.
- 25 Colour.
- 26 Having sides.
- 27 Painting depicting a rural scene.
- 28 Appointments.
- 30 Special mission.
- 31 Minerals.
- 32 Bang.
- 33 Plundered.
- 37 Aid.
- 41 Flung.
- 42 Gasps.
- 43 Ocean.
- 45 Sheep.
- 46 One who is paid.
- 47 Hit.
- 48 Reverential fear.
- 49 Describe grammatically.
- 50 Poops.
- 51 Sleep like a bird.
- 52 Transactions.
- 55 Love to excess.
- 56 Nobleman.
- 57 Pierced.
- 58 Hospital assistant.

Down

- 1 Bulwark.
- 2 Distresses.
- 3 Opposite of awesether.
- 4 Word expressive of negation.
- 5 Tried.
- 6 Impregnated with salt.
- 7 Pertaining to an area.

- 8 Skin.
- 9 State of equality.
- 10 Made nasal sounds.
- 13 Fashions.
- 15 Cassia leaves.
- 17 One who rests.
- 18 Accessible.
- 21 Secure by labour.
- 23 Ascended.
- 24 Origins.
- 26 Scatter.
- 27 Herbage.
- 29 Parts of boots.
- 30 Enail.
- 32 Weird.
- 34 Liquidify.
- 35 Edible univalve shell-fish.
- 36 Beams.
- 38 Islands.
- 39 Scorch.
- 40 Potman.
- 42 Separated.
- 43 Required.
- 45 Sticky substance.
- 47 Barmen.
- 49 Trim by shaving.
- 50 Poem.
- 52 Organ of hearing.

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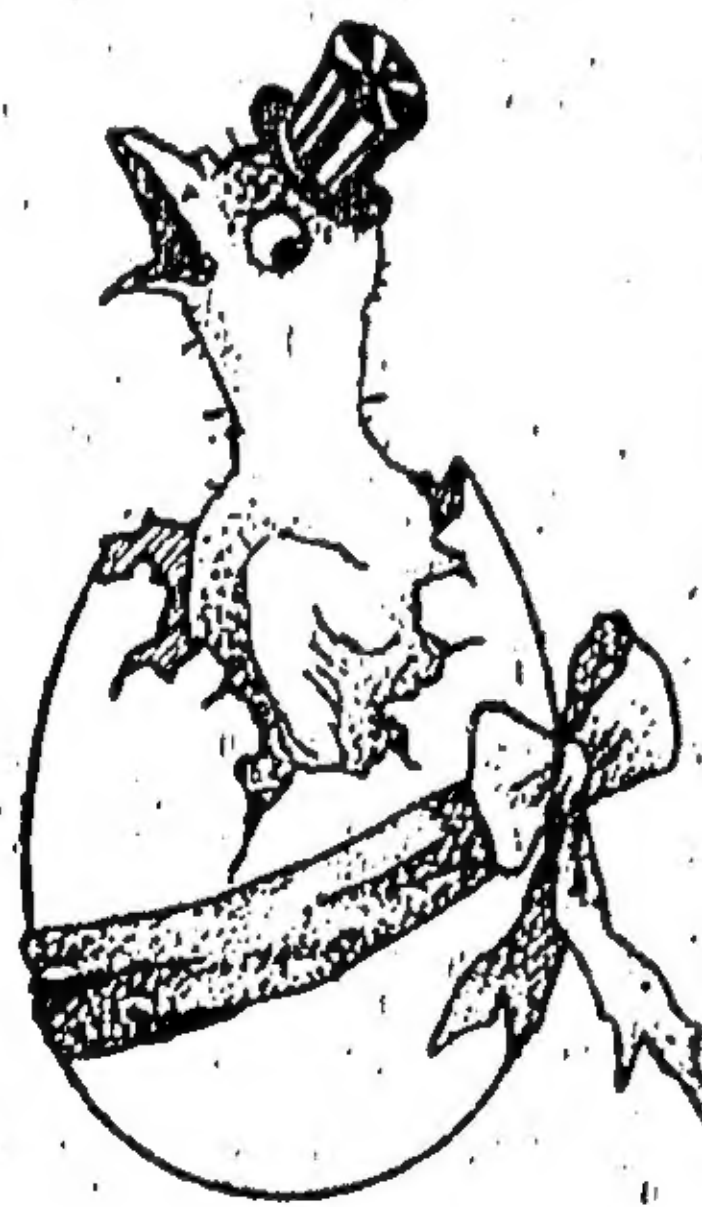
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race, Hongkong, a son.

## The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY MARCH 26, 1929.

### THE WATER PROBLEM.

The public's reaction to the Government decision to proceed with the Aberdeen waterworks scheme will probably be one of approval, in that it betokens a determination to supplement by every means possible the Colony's water supply resources. In the past, we were amongst those who doubted the wisdom of embarking on this project, feeling that the expenditure involved hardly warranted the step, seeing that there were other means available of securing a much more effective augmentation of the supply. At that time, however, there was a suggestion that the Aberdeen undertaking might enable a postponement of the completion of the Shing Mun scheme, and we felt that if any preference was to be shown it should be in favour of the latter project. All the way along, we have urged the pushing on with the Shing Mun scheme, keeping in mind the possibility that, with the supplies from this source, it might be found unnecessary to lay out a big sum on the Aberdeen works. Happily, it is no longer a question of a choice between Shing Mun and Aberdeen, for both are to be proceeded with. The thought with which we are now left is that, if the Government is erring at all, it is erring on the side of safety. From that standpoint, therefore, we can commend the decision of the authorities, for obviously it is better to have too much water than not enough. We have also to keep in mind the point that the steady growth of the Colony means increasingly heavy demands on our supplies, and from that standpoint as well it is wisdom to legislate for the future. This Aberdeen project has been long under consideration. There have been schemes for the partial as well as the complete development of the district, and the conclusion has been reached that, if the work is to be undertaken, the bigger scheme should be taken in hand. Various other sites on the island have also been considered, but all of these have been shown to be difficult of development. In the

circumstances, admitting the wisdom of new works on the island, the complete Aberdeen scheme appears the one most likely to produce best results. Its flexibility has been commented on, and one of the main arguments in its favour is that it will prove a great relief to the western districts, which always feel shortage conditions before other areas.

On the general question of the water shortage, the present situation is one giving cause for considerable anxiety and concern. It is computed that there are only ninety days' supply in the reservoirs on the island. Possibly there is not even that extent of really usable water. With conditions thus, the question of further rationing may soon have to be seriously considered. It is expected, of course, that within the next three months the supplies may be augmented by rain, but it is not by any means certain that the fall, if any, will be sufficient really to solve the problem. In view of the possibility that hopes may not be realised, the authorities will be well advised to explore every avenue in the direction of securing an even greater conservation of supplies than is at present possible. Any extension of the restrictions may cause hardship, admittedly, but in such a vital matter it is well to husband resources to the fullest extent possible.

### New Link of Empire.

The future mapped out for Prince George in well-informed London quarters will arouse the greatest interest in the Dominions. It is suggested that his appointment to the Foreign Office is the first step in an administrative education to qualify him for a Governor-Generalship of one of the Dominions, and colour is lent to the report by a statement that His Majesty is largely responsible for the experiment. It seems superfluous to add that the proposal outlined will be received with the keenest approbation in the Dominions. The regime of King George V has already made history in the forging of links of Empire. It can be said in all truth that the Dominions have never before been on such happy terms with the Mother Country as they are to-day, thanks to the brilliant achievements of His Majesty's Ministers, Home and abroad, at the last Imperial Conference, when the status of each of the nations of the British Commonwealth was clearly defined. Under that now-famous charter or resolution, the Dominions Governments became responsible directly to their Sovereign instead of to His Majesty's Government in Great Britain. The Governor-General is now the personal representative of His Majesty the King, and it seems a logical step in furthering this new relationship between the Dominions and their King, that one of his sons should become his deputy. We are told that Prince George's appointment overseas is by no means imminent, but that he will probably fill the first suitable vacancy on completing a period of training, as it were, with the Home Government. It is certain, however, that the citizens of the outpost of Empire to which Prince George is eventually assigned will will look upon the appointment as the greatest privilege.

### EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Mar. 25.
Paris	124.17 1/2
Geneva	25.22
Berlin	22.45 1/2
Prague	163 1/2
Lisbon	108
Rio	527 3/8
Shanghai	2 1/4
New York	48 1/4
Amsterdam	12.10 1/4
Stockholm	18.20
Helsingfors	193
Athens	87 1/2
Buenos Aires	47.11 3/8
Hongkong	11.11 1/4
Brussels	34.98
Milan	92.70
Vienna	34.82 1/2
Madrid	81.4 1/4
Bucharest	Holiday.
Bombay	110 1/4
Yokohama	23
Silver (spot)	25.1 1/8
Silver (forward)	25.1 1/8

—British Wireless.

### DAY BY DAY.

HE IS INTELLECTUALLY DISHONEST WHO CONSCIOUSLY SUPPRESSES HIS DOUBTS.—Dr. Donald Ross.

H.M.S. Cleopatra, one of the cruisers bringing relief for the China Station, left Colombo for Singapore on Sunday.

The splendid troupe, "The Samson Dancers" are giving farewell performances to-day at the Queen's in conjunction with Syd Chaplin's great comedy "Sikirta."

During last week, there were three Chinese cases of typhoid notified, of which one was fatal. There were also two deaths from influenza. The small-pox figures are given elsewhere.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin has kindly consented to distribute the prizes to the successful students of the Sacred Heart College to-morrow, at 11 a.m., at the Majestic Theatre, Nathan Road.

Amongst the passengers who left by the President Jefferson to-day were Madame Gail-Curci and party, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taggart, Miss P. Taggart, Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Lobenstein, and Mr. and Mrs. D. Timmins.

A cable has been received by Mr. W. Anderson, the local secretary of the Hongkong centre of the Trinity College of Music, London, congratulating him on the excellent entries for the forthcoming examination, and advising that the examiner, Mr. Mallinson, will arrive in the Colony on May 23rd.

The capital charge against four men arrested in connexion with the murder of the gardener at Eli Cottage, Old Kowloon Tong, were withdrawn by Detective Inspector Lane before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The prosecution substituted charges of receiving stolen property and the defendants were remanded for week.

A fisherman named Lam Chuen (24) was charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with participation in an armed robbery and kidnapping on board a cargo boat at Tai Nam Chung, between Tsun Wan and Castle Peak on March 21, 1928. The defendant, on the application of Inspector Ogg, was remanded for one week.

When the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole, R.N., sat at the Marine Court this morning, he had before him a master and 23 mistresses of passenger boats, all charged with making fast to the German vessel, s.s. Schleien, whilst she was under way in the Central Fairway. Acting as spokesman for the defendants, the master pleaded guilty and his Worship imposed a fine of \$10, or 10 days' imprisonment on each.

### OVERCROWDING ON HOTEL BUS.

SEVENTEEN ABOVE THE  
NUMBER ALLOWED.

The driver of bus No. 616, belonging to the Hongkong Hotel Company, was summoned before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Police Court this morning, for overcrowding the vehicle.

Sub-Inspector McWalter said that while on cycle patrol duty on the 2nd instant, he stopped the bus in Queen's Road Central. He counted 47 passengers in the vehicle, or 17 in excess of the number allowed. A fine of \$10 was imposed.

### THE POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Orders by Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Acting Captain Superintendent of Police, state:

Chinese Company.

"First Aid to the Injured."—Class for instruction in First Aid will be held at the Company's Headquarters on Wednesday, March 27th at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

Signalling.—The Signalling Squad will attend at the Company's Headquarters for practice in Morse and Semaphore under Crown Sergeant R15 Ow Young Kin Heng on Wednesday, March 27th at 6.30 p.m. sharp.

Annual Examination in Part 2.—There will be no examination in Part 2 of Training Course at the Company's Headquarters on Thursday, March 28th.

Inspection Parade.—All ranks of the Chinese Company will parade at Central Police Station on Thursday, March 28th, for the monthly inspection of Arms, Equipment etc. by the Company Commander. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress Blue Uniform, Cap with White Cover; Rifle, Belt, Side-arms. Truncheon, Whistle, Armlet Badge, "Pocket Policeman", and Note-Book to be carried. Those not in possession of Uniform will attend in mufti. No member may be absent from this parade without leave from the Company Commander. The Equipment Officers will make it a point of being present.

Indian Company.

Strength.—Constable R.228 Sheikh Joonus, deceased, has been struck off the roll as from March 17th.

Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, March 26th. Fall in at the Tai-ma-tai Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform.

The final instructional patrol of the month of the Hongkong Section will take place on Thursday, March 28th and all members are requested to attend. Fall in at Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. Dress—Winter Uniform.

Sharpshooters' Company.

Strength.—Constable R.424 L. R. Billinghurst has been permitted to resign upon completing one full year's service with effect from March 19th.

Revolver Practice.—Members of the Sharpshooters' Company are reminded of the revolver practice to be held on Sunday, April 7th, at 10.00 a.m. Members will assemble at the Range at that time, with bolts and holsters with revolver. Uniform optional.

Arms Licences.—All members of this Company who have not yet received the Police Reserve Badge are requested to attend the Police Reserve Office, at Police Headquarters as soon as possible, with numbers of Revolver on their charge, for issue of Arms Licences. Adjutant.

(Sgd.) W. KENT, A.S.P.

A new Society, the Hongkong

Russian Cultural Association, membership in which will be open to Russians as well as to Latvians, Polish, Estonians, etc., is being established in Hongkong. The members of the initiative group include one Latvian, Mr. Herbert Edward Laneport, and two Russians, Captain Mikhail Mitrofonovich Afanassiev and Mr. Alexei Alexievich Trambitzky. The authorities have informed Mr. Laneport that as long as the proposed Society acts in accordance with the law the Government does not oppose its formation.

## The Very Idea!

Professor E. C. Baly of Liverpool University has perfected a new process for the manufacture of non-breakable glass. It is called glass. The professor says that it was first invented by Dr. Pollock of Austria and that he has improved it to a point where it can now be moulded into shape. Glass will not break and cannot be cut with a glass cutter, but it will admit ultra-violet rays of sunlight.

To-day's "Ghost" Story.—"On Sunday, December 31, 1920, at 11.30 a.m., I was in an old historic London church, the Litany proceeding. I knelt at the end of a pew and someone came and stood abreast of my seat, I presumed a verger, till, impelled to look up, I found a youth of about 18 beside me. He wore a plumed hat, a furled, embroidered cloak, and his left hand rested on his sword-hilt, a few inches from my right. His boyish face and lanky fair hair were undisturbed, but he was richly dressed, and his black ruff was spangled with pearls.

"He stood staring towards the Duchess of ———'s tomb. Presently his form grew milky white, and seemed to shroud away in semi-opaque wisps—and he was gone—in about two minutes. Evidently no one else saw him.

"I was so close, almost touching him, that I could note every detail; I could not have imagined any but a white ruff, but am told black ones were a smart French fashion about 1650."

Parody from a Chicago newspaper:

Lives of gunmen should remind us,  
When we hear they're doing time,  
That we're apt to leave behind us  
Finger prints at scenes of crime.

A 12-years-old boy, who was arrested recently by the Chicago police while he was trying to sell a valuable diamond ring for \$5, has confessed to having taken part in 150 burglaries since he was nine years old. Besides the ring he had in his possession a loaded revolver, a flashlight, and a bunch of skeleton keys. Two boys of nine, and another of 13, who were arrested with him were "amateurs" he said, and had only been on three "jobs."

In explaining his possession of the revolver, he said, "A guy's gotta have a gun. Suppose the dicks (detectives) caught me, and I had a chance to shoot it out with them? I've had lots of guns. One time me and a kid named Coughlin—he's doing a stretch now (is in prison)—stole a car, drove to Gary, Indiana, and bought two shotguns from a guy. On the way back Coughlin took a shot at a farmer in a field and knocked his hat off."

The police profess to have established the truth of several of the boy's stories of burglaries.

Woman at Glasgow—I ought to know my own husband. I've been living with him for a considerable period.

Tottenham man—He came downstairs in a vogue attitude. Clerk—What does that mean? Man—He was very excitable.

Mr. Justice McCardie, in the King's Bench Division—You did not like him? Man—I had nothing against him. Mr. Justice McCardie—Well, that is the same thing.

Woman accused of drunkenness at West London—I walked into the police station, your Worship, and I thought that it was the "pub," yes I did. I asked for a pint of beer, and they kept me.

Lord Eustace Percy, President of the Board of Education, told a good story at the dinner of the Institute of Certified Grocers.

When he was first appointed to his present job, he remarked, an old and respected schoolmaster said to him—"My dear boy, I am glad to see you in this position. I once played bridge with a President and a Parliamentary Secretary of the Board of Education. Neither of them knew anything about education, and one of them did not even know anything about bridge."

A motor accident at Tai Nam Chung, near Chinese territory, on the Castle Peak Road yesterday evening, resulted in the admitting into the Kwong Wah Hospital of four persons, one of whom was very seriously injured. From the reports to hand, it would seem that the car involved, public car No. 418, swerved and fell into a ditch, and that the chauffeur and three passengers were injured. They were taken to the hospital in due course. A fourth passenger, a woman, escaped with superficial injuries.

## 51 COMMON ERRORS IN BRIDGE AND HOW TO CORRECT THEM by W.W. Wentworth

### REFUSING TO PLAY TO PRESENT DIAMONDS

North (Dummy)—  
♠ 5 4 3  
♥ 8 7 6  
♦ 10 9 8  
♣ A K J

West leads ♠ Q  
East—

South (Declarer)—  
♠ A K 5  
♥ A 8 3  
♦ Q J 6  
♣ A K 5

The Bidding: South bids no-trump and all pass.

Deciding the Play: West leads Queen of spades and Declarer

overtakes with Ace of spades. Declarer now plays Queen of diamonds and West covers with King of diamonds. How should Declarer play to make game?

The Error: Declarer takes with Ace of spades. Then Declarer plays Queen of diamonds and when West covers with the King of diamonds, the Ace of diamonds is played from Dummy.

The Correct Method: To make game Declarer must make four tricks in diamonds. Declarer should refuse to take the second trick and in all probability he will establish the remaining diamonds. In this manner game is assured.

The sacrifice of one trick guarantees two additional tricks!

The Principle: Ducking is often necessary to guarantee game.



**PROMISSORY NOTE CLAIM.****CHINESE ESTATE TONG SUES LOCAL FIRM.****NUMEROUS DEFENCES.**

An action involving two well-known Chinese firms was commenced in the Supreme Court this morning before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan). The plaintiff, Lam Ting-on, as head of the King On Tong, No. 80, Third Street, is suing the Ma Pak-leung firm, No. 310, Queen's Road Central, druggists, for money alleged to have been lent under a promissory note dated January 16, 1921, with interest.

It is alleged that the note was made by the defendants in favour of the King On Tong family and was repayable at the end of twelve months. Alternatively, the money is claimed as having been lent by the plaintiff or the King On Tong, and the further sum of \$1,798 as interest, making a total of \$4,698.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. E. S. C. Brook, of Messrs. Hastings, Donnys and Bowley, is for the plaintiff, while Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., together with Mr. Eldon Folter, K.C., instructed by Mr. F. X. D'Almada, senior, is defending.

**Five Defences.**

In opening his case, Mr. Jenkin referred to five separate defences which had been raised. The first, he said, was a denial that the firm made the note. The second was that the promissory note was not as defined in Section 83 of the Bills of Exchange Ordinance. The third defence alleged that the note was not properly stamped when the action was started; while the fourth was a denial that the money was lent. A plea that the action is barred by the Statute of Limitations was contained in the last defence.

Dealing with the facts, Mr. Jenkin stated that the King On Tong were the members of an estate long, a very ordinary long among Chinese people for running ancestral estates from which, very often, among other activities, money was lent out.

The Ma Pak-leung were very well-known manufacturers and purveyors of drugs and Chinese medicines in general. As far as counsel could foresee, one of the principal issues to be fought out was whether or not the Ma Pak-leung was a branch of the firm of the same name at Canton. The firm appeared to have its head office in Patsan with distilleries at two places, in Kwangtung and Macao, while there were altogether twelve branches, including one at Hongkong and three at Canton.

**Formal Objection.**

When Mr. Jenkin produced the note, Mr. Alabaster made a formal objection.

Mr. Jenkin replied that it was true that the note did not bear the requisite stamp at the time when the action was brought, but that had now been rectified. Subject to that, he would put the note before the Court.

His Lordship said he would look at the note.

Mr. Jenkin continued that the note bore the date January 16, 1921, and read as follows:—"Hereby borrow from the King On Tong the sum of \$2,900 in Hongkong bank notes. Interest to be charged at \$1 per \$100 per month. It is agreed that this sum shall be used for twelve months, when principal and interest shall be fully repaid. This is proof." The note bore signatures and the impression of the Ma Pak-leung chop.

The money covered by the note, continued Mr. Jenkin, was not, in fact, advanced at the time the note was made. There had been previous advances of money by the plaintiffs to the defendants on other notes which were cancelled and returned to the defendants on July 17, 1921, when the present note was given in exchange. The reason for the note bearing the date January 16, was that interest on the old loan, which was for the same sum, had been paid to that date.

It was handed to Cheung Chuk-po, the accountant of the plaintiff firm, by Ma Cheung-yu and Ma Sau-fong, two brothers of the Ma family, who were intimately connected with the firm. It was handed to the plaintiffs at Canton and provided for repayment after twelve months from the date of the note with interest, which was January 4, 1922.

**Creditors Meeting.**

After dealing with particulars of other notes, counsel went on to say that between January 14 and February 13, 1926, a notice was received by Cheung Chuk-po indicating that a meeting of creditors of the Ma Pak-leung firm was to be held at Canton on April 20, 1926. In pursuance of that notice, Cheung attended the meeting which was presided over by

**50,000 SCOUTS FOR JAMBOREE.****COMING-OF-AGE OF GREAT ORGANISATION.**

Two additional camps will be needed for the Boy Scouts from all over the world, who will be present at the coming-of-age jamboree, to be held at Birkenhead in July and August.

The number of boys for whom accommodation has to be provided has grown from 80,000 to 50,000.

This wonderful rally of world youth in celebration of the 21st birthday of the movement will be drawn from over 60 countries, and is described by the organisers as the most cosmopolitan gathering in history.

In the great canvas cities that are to spring up on the pleasant parklands of the Wirral Peninsula, close to the Mersey, there will be gathered together boys from every country in Europe except Russia.

**Iceland and China.**

There will be boys from:—

Argentina, Mexico, Cuba, Peru, Iceland, Turkey, Liberia, China, Persia, Egypt, United States, Japan, Chili, Panama, Ecuador, Siam, Iraq.

British Empire contingents include boys from:—

India, Hongkong, Newfoundland, Malta, South Africa, Rhodesia, Ceylon, Uganda, Gold Coast, Canada, Kenya, New Zealand, Palestine, Barbados, Trinidad, Gibraltair, Burma, Australia, Nigeria, Bahamas, Sudan, Cyprus.

Even Tristan da Cunha, that lonely South Atlantic outpost, would like to send its contingent, but cannot owing to transport difficulties. "We would gladly come if you could arrange for aeroplane transport," was the gist of their message to London headquarters.

American boys are chartering a liner for the occasion.

Of the 50,000 Scouts expected at Birkenhead, 8,000 are from foreign countries, and 2,000 from the Empire overseas.

**Three Camps.**

When the first Scout jamboree was held in London, in 1920, there were 1,200 boys, representing 26 nations, while five years ago at the Copenhagen gathering there were 4,000 Scouts from 33 countries.

The main camp will be at Arrow Park, close to Birkenhead, and the two supplementary ones are at Upton Park and Overchurch, in the immediate neighbourhood.

Sir Robert Baden Powell, the founder of the movement, will be under canvas with his boys, and the camps will be under the command of Brigadier General Godfrey-Faussett.

The Prince of Wales, it is hoped, will pay a visit, and the opening ceremony will be carried out by the Duke of Connaught, president of the Boy Scout Association.

The most spectacular feature of the jamboree will be the daily march past of the nations. In addition, visitors to the camp, who will be charged admission towards the cost of the jamboree, will have an opportunity of seeing the customs, dances, sports, pastimes and cooking of the youth of almost the whole world. Spectacular demonstrations and displays of scoutcraft are also being arranged.

the elder brother, Ma Sau-fong. He announced that he had taken over the work of chief manager from his younger brother, Ma Cheung-yu. The position of the business as a whole was discussed by the 20 creditors who were present, and they were requested to stay their hands.

Ten days later, Cheung went to see the Ma brothers at Canton and pressed for payment, but at that meeting Ma Cheung-yu handed to Cheung a letter which was to have been posted. The date of the letter was April 7.

Nothing was done in the matter of repayment and on December 24, 1926, a letter of demand was written by Messrs. Hastings, Donnys and Bowley, solicitors for the plaintiffs. A writ was issued on January 25, 1927, no reply being received to the letter of demand. On April 22, 1927, leave was given to the Ma Pak-leung firm to defend the action on payment of the money claimed into court.

Mr. Jenkin concluded his opening address by dealing with the legal points raised in the defences.

The case is proceeding.

**THE GALLI-CURCI RECITAL.****FAMOUS SINGER DELIGHTS CROWDED THEATRE.**

The appearance of Galli-Curci, the world-famous coloratura soprano, at the Queen's Theatre last night can be described as a musical event of the very first order. It is, indeed, to be doubted whether Hongkong has ever had a greater treat. Practically the whole world is familiar with the fame of this great vocalist, for her records are in the homes of every civilised land. But it is one thing to hear a gramophone record, and quite another to hear and to see the actual singer. And last night's recital proved one thing—that Galli-Curci's voice has a mystic, haunting charm that draws people to her; her unique, magnetic personality is no less compelling than her wonderful singing. To say that the audience was enraptured is to express the truth without exaggeration of any kind. The memory of the concert will long live in the minds of those who were privileged to hear this "Queen of Song," as she has been so aptly described.

There were some wonderful gems in the programme submitted, not only brilliant operatic arias with cascades of runs and trills, but tender melodies of deep appeal. In these extreme opposites, Galli-Curci proved herself the mistress of one as much as of the other. Her associate artists, Homer Samuels, pianist, and Luigi Alberghini, flautist, added much to the pleasure of the evening.

From the very start, it was obvious that an evening of enchanting music was assured, but promising as the opening numbers were, the programme got even better and better. Variety and high merit were its outstanding features.

As heard from the stalls, one got the impression that in her earlier numbers Galli-Curci was somewhat restraining her powers; this, in fact, seemed to be the case for the greater part of the programme. Possibly, the acoustic properties of the theatre produced this effect, which may not have been so apparent in the circle.

The programme opened with two rather slight numbers, of which the Patsello gypsy song was noteworthy for the extreme daintiness with which it was sung. It was in "Lo, here the gentle lark," with flute obligato, that the famous artist made her first big hit. This demonstrated the wonderful flexibility of her voice and was marked by some beautiful trills. Very clever was the vocalist's interpretation of the rapid movements in Chopin's "Carceleras," whilst the difficult tones in the plaintive melody of "Chanson Indoue" were sung with flawless purity. Bishop's Echo Song, with which the first half of the programme was to have concluded, was dropped in favour of the aria from "The Barber of Seville," which can be described as one of the triumphs of the evening. This was very finely sung.

The group of three English songs which were given later in the evening proved immensely popular. Of these "My Shadow," written by Galli-Curci's husband, was very charming, whilst "The Little Dandelion," reminiscent of a 17th Century madrigal, was marked by sympathy, humour and lyric tenderness. At the conclusion of this item there was a great outburst of enthusiasm by the audience, so much so that no fewer than six encores had to be given, in one of which the vocalist played her own accompaniment. Most of these were ballads of the "popular" type, possessing no great musical merit, but evidently very much to the liking of the audience.

There can be no question that the Shadow Song from "Dinorah," with flute obligato, was the outstanding contribution of the evening. In it, Galli-Curci gave full rein to her powers, demonstrating the amazing flexibility of her voice and her wonderful technique. It was a bright and sparkling effort, sung as only she could sing it. At the close there was a great ovation given to the vocalist, who reappeared and, as a farewell offering, sang "Home, Sweet Home." This ended a memorable evening.

It remains to be said that the prima donna's husband proved himself not only a most sympathetic and accomplished accompanist, but also a solo pianist of marked ability. He contributed three rather unorthodox pieces and, as an encore, delighted the house with a charmingly played Greg Nocturne. As the flautist, Luigi Alberghini was in every respect all that could be desired.



"Aw shucks; missed him!"

**PILSUDSKI COUP IN POLISH SENATE.****EX-DICTATOR BANS BUDGET ARMY "CUTS."**

Marsaw, Mar. 1. Marshal Pilsudski, the former Prime Minister, who gave up office to take a rest cure, proved by a dramatic move in Parliament to-day that he is still virtual Dictator of the Republic.

Without any warning he walked into the Senate just as the Budget was under discussion and condemned in a speech the "cuts" made by the Lower House in the military estimates. Without more ado the Senate restored all the "cuts."

Public and Press were excluded from the Senate when the Marshal made his speech, and almost all the Senators of the Opposition parties refrained from taking part in the discussion.

Marshal Pilsudski has also alleged that prior to his coup d'Etat of May, 1926, when he seized the reins of Government after a brief revolution, Cabinet Ministers used funds destined for the War Ministry to indulge in orgies at which they entertained their mistresses and political supporters.

Several newspapers to-day call upon the ex-Premier to publish the names of the Cabinet Ministers concerned.

**\$6,000,000 ELECTRICAL CONTRACTS.****CENTRAL BOARD'S ORDERS TO BRITISH FIRMS.**

Sir Andrew Duncan, chairman of the Central Electricity Board, stated at the British Industries Fair, Birmingham, that the board had already placed contracts for over \$3,000,000, and in the coming week were to place contracts for another \$3,000,000.

The contracts were all being placed in England. Money was not being spent light-heartedly, but with a high degree of responsibility and a feeling that it was absolutely necessary that the schemes they favoured should ultimately pay their way.

High-voltage transmission lines in England were giving manufacturers a market at their own doors, from which they would gain experience which would be valuable in world competition.

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**FORCED LANDING AT SHANGHAI.****MOB TAKES WATER AFTER THROTTLE TROUBLE.****NARROW ESCAPES.**

Shanghai, Mar. 23. Captain W. E. F. Jones and a passenger, Mr. A. Levenspiel, construction engineer in the employ of Messrs. Ashhold and Co., Ltd., had narrow escapes with their lives when the Handley-Page Moth aeroplane, which was recently exhibited in Messrs. Mark L. Moody's showwindow and which has been purchased by the National Government, made a forced landing and dropped into the Whangpoo River yesterday at noon.

Captain Jones and his passenger had left the Hungjiao aerodrome at 12 noon and found flying conditions only ordinary. Over the river, the wind was a bit bumpy in a couple of places and one or two side slips were made. Ordinarily the plane is equipped with two controls but, on this occasion, only one was used.

**The Throttle Control.**

After being in the air for about half an hour, the pilot and his passenger found themselves crossing the Whangpoo River when, through what at first seemed a fault in the throttle control, a forced landing was found to be necessary. Later it was ascertained that the dual control throttle lever had become disconnected. A pin in the dual control set, which is in front of the pilot's seat, fell out when the engine was throttled down, and on the engine being opened out there was, accordingly, no response.

Owing to his being in the rear seat the pilot was unable to ascertain the cause of the trouble. The landing was carried out in a most efficient manner and no damage whatever was done to the biplane other than a broken propeller blade. As soon as the vessel touched the water, however, there was a scurry of sampans and junks towards it, and these did not a little damage with their bathtubs, etc., while a steam launch crashed into it a few seconds later.

**Prompt Assistance.**

Prompt assistance was forthcoming from the U.S. Naval authorities, River Police and the Harbour-Master, to assist in getting the plane on a junk and bringing it to the Nanking Road Jetty, where it was landed and later pulled to the Hunjiao aerodrome by a small roadster.

Captain Jones, during the whole incident, "kept his head," said Mr. Levenspiel to a representative of the North-China Daily News later. Neither of the two fell into the water and the Moth kept afloat until assistance was forthcoming. "This is the first time I have landed on the water in this kind of a plane," Capt. Jones told the reporter after he had landed, "and I am not sorry. It was an experience and has given me more confidence in this stout little machine than ever I had before."

**Perfect Landing.**

"We left the aerodrome at noon and at 12.30 we had to make a forced landing opposite the Butterfield & Swire buoy. The landing was a remarkable effort and can be described as a perfect one. There is no sign of damage to the machinery whatever, which is due to the excellence of the Handley-Page patent wing-lots which enabled us to land at the very low speed of less than 20 miles an hour, and save the machine and our lives."

"Considering the fact that we had to land on water, we landed in perfect condition and there was but slight danger."

"As soon as we landed, there was a rush towards us of sampans and junks which, despite all efforts, tended on to the plane. Boat hooks also were responsible for damage to the wings."

From leaving the aerodrome up to the time of the failure, the engine ran perfectly."

The pilot commented on the remarkable way the machine was loaded on the junk, which would otherwise have made it much more difficult, and the ease which was experienced when it was moved about.

Capt. Jones expressed his regret at not being able to take up any more passengers for the present but hoped to give a demonstration at a later date.

Mr. Levenspiel, who, like Captain Jones, was none the worse of his experience, stated in an interview with the North-China Daily News representative that it was fine in the air, which was a bit bumpy in a couple of places where side slips and diving had to be done. The flying was of an ordinary nature.

**Damage to Propeller.**

The engine was submerged owing to the undercarriage hitting the water, otherwise the Moth would have been a total loss.

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Mr. W. A. Bettsworth, a former Sussex batsman and cricket editor of the "Field" for 22 years, has died at the age of 72.



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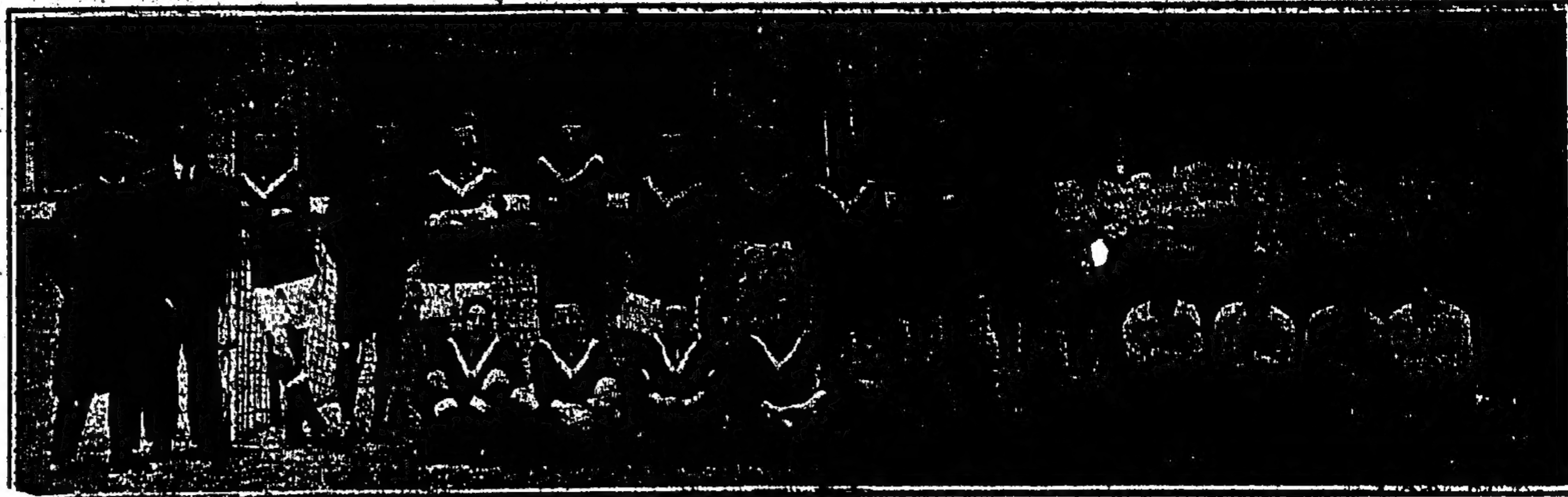
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## INTERFORCE POLICE SPORTS MATCHES IN SHANGHAI.

R.A. WIN SHIELD  
RE-PLAY.

POOR EXHIBITION BY THE  
SOMERSETS.

TAYLOR ON THE ALERT.

[BY "WANDERER"]

The Royal Artillery qualified for the semi-final of the Shield Competition yesterday by defeating the Somerset L. I. by three goals to nil in the re-play. It was a most uninspiring game, exceedingly scrappy and excessively rough, though there was never a doubt after the first twenty minutes as to the eventual winners.

The Somersets never shaped like winners. Their defenders were unreliable and lax in their tackling, while the forward line, which is capable of good combination, never settled down.

In a match full of faulty tactics by both sides, the most obvious mistake was the policy of the Somersets in keeping the ball in the air against a team which had every advantage in height. The R.A. half-backs controlled the game from start to finish and their headwork played no small part in their successful checking of the opposition.

Forward, the R.A. were reasonably well served. Leach was inclined to be lazy, but both Taylor and Bridgeman were swift to take advantage of openings, while Jobe did exceedingly well on the wing.

The first goal came some ten minutes prior to the interval, Taylor taking advantage of a mis-kick, to score with a smartly placed shot. In the second half, Jobe put the R.A. two up with a weak shot which passed between the goalkeeper's legs, and near the end, Taylor put the result beyond question with a splendid goal.

Fletcher had many exciting moments in the R.A. goal, but the Somersets' attack was rarely convincing. Bowley-Bull being the only man who threatened danger. The Shield semi-finalists are Kowloon, South China, Club de Recreo, and the Royal Artillery, and the draw is being made at this evening's Council meeting.

The semi-finals are to be played on April 18th.

TO-MORROW'S LEAGUE  
MATCHES.

A Big Programme For Midweek.

One of the most important matches of the season, bearing in mind the present positions in the League table takes place to-morrow on Caroline Hill, South China meeting the K.O.S.B. There is a big programme of matches, the full list, together with grounds, times of kick-off and referees appointed, being as follows:

## Senior League.

South China v. K.O.S.B.—Caroline Hill, 5 p.m.—Mr. Hollands.  
Somersets v. Club—Chatham Road, 5 p.m.—Mr. Cowan.

## Junior League.

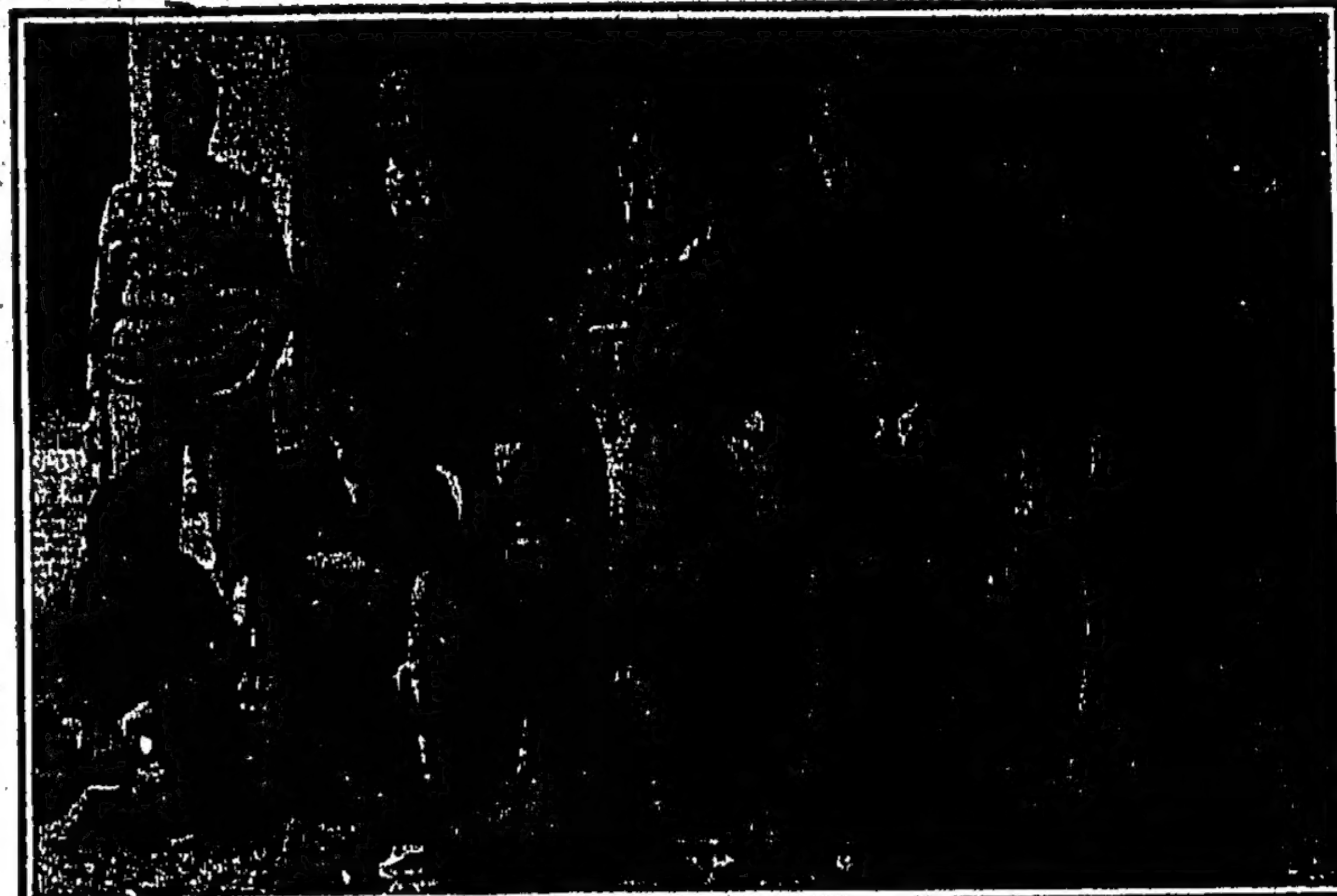
8. China "B" v. Navy—Navy, 5 p.m.—Mr. Master.  
Chinese v. Kowloon—Chinese, 5 p.m.—Mr. Rider.  
Eastern v. R.A.—St. Joe, 5 p.m.—Mr. Anderson.  
Somersets v. St. Joseph's—Recreo, 5 p.m.—Mr. Lees.  
K.O.S.B. v. R.A.F.—Chatham Rd., 5 p.m.—Mr. Stokes.

## Vital Match.

As pointed out last week, the K.O.S.B. are bound to have a big influence on the destination of league honours this season, and their position in fact is such that should they by some chance win all their remaining games, they might yet top the table.

This is hardly likely, however, though they are sufficiently strong to upset many calculations. For such an unexpected success they would have to rely on a sequence of failures by the leading sides which is hardly likely.

A splendid game is likely to result from to-morrow's game.



The top photograph shows the combined Shanghai-Hongkong soccer eleven and the picked Chinese team prior to their match at the Stadium which was won by the Police by four goals to one. Left to right (Police)—Standing: Watson (Hon. Sec.), Clissold (linesman), Wilkinson (S.M.P.), Barracough (referee), Boer (S.M.P.), Brittain (H.K.P.), Darvill (S.M.P.), Turner (S.M.P.), Hudson (H.K.P.), C apt., Clarke (S.M.P.). Seated: Duffy (S.M.P.), Gash (S.M.P.), S. S. Wilkinson (S.M.P.).

Bottom photograph shows the Interforce golf teams before their match which was won by Shanghai. Left to right, standing: E. T. James (HK.), A. J. W. Dorling (HK.), J. Shepherd (HK.), A. E. Scott (S.), J. C. Dickson (S.), W. Hall (S.). Seated: F. E. E. Bookher (HK.), W. Ken t (HK.), W. E. Fairbairn (S.), J. G. Adams (S.).

## GOLF IN CANTON.

ENGLAND DEFEATED BY  
SCOTLAND.

A very exciting match was played on Sunday over 18 holes on the Tungshan Recreation Club's course at Tungshan, Canton, when Scotland defeated England by two points.

Scoring one point for the singles and two points for the doubles the games resulted as follows:

England	Scotland
A. E. Quin	J. M. Walker
R. K. Bachelier	J. T. Smith
F. E. W. Lammet	A. T. Lay
G. C. Kitching	W. M. Stratton
C. E. Watson	D. Heath
M. A. Annett	R. O. Rutherford
A. E. Quin	J. M. Walker
R. K. Bachelier	J. T. Smith
F. E. W. Lammet	A. T. Lay
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C. E. Watson	D. Heath
M. A. Annett	R. O. Rutherford

At the 11th interval, at the conclusion of the singles, both sides were all square and it looked like a division of honours when the first two foursomes home were one each for England and Scotland. The last foursome to finish was that of Lammet and Kitching versus Lay and Stratton and proved the most exciting game of the day. They were all square on the 16th green, Scotland won the 16th whilst the 17th and 18th were both halved leaving Scotland one up and the match.

Tiffin for the teams was provided by Messrs. J. M. Walker, R. O. Rutherford and R. K. Bachelier.—Our Own Correspondent.

A Chinese employed in a firm in China Building was involved in a motor accident in Queen's Road Central yesterday morning. He was knocked down by a public car, and was rendered unconscious, being severely injured. He was conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital, where it is learned he subsequently died.

A \$2,000,000 scheme is to be launched for the development of the port of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

June, the actress, is to be married to Lord Inverclyde on March 27.

South China are in good form just now, and should they win will probably go on to take the championship, since they would probably beat the Athletic if a great deal depended on the match.

On yesterday's game, the Club will be badly out of form if they do not take full points from the Somersets.

THE EXTRA RACE  
MEETING.ENTRIES AND WEIGHTS IN  
HANDICAPS.

The following are the entries and weights for the handicap events at the forthcoming Extra Race Meeting.

Commonwealth Handicap: "A" Class.—Duke of Chantilly (163),

Chasapenko Bay (158), One Third

Delaware Bay (142), Monterey

Bay (145), Chow Tse Lon (155),

Tarmacadam (140), O-Moon (150),

Peck (140), Pickle (142), Imperial

Hall (151), Frenchman's Bay (148),

Delaware Bay (142), Rose Hall

(146), City Hall (140), San Francisco

(150), Triumphant Stag (148), Win-

some Stag (153), Young Pretender

(148), Buster (148).

Commonwealth Handicap: "B" Class.—Duke of Normandy II (148),

Sunning (153), Glory (152), Erins

Isle (160), Ace of Spades (147), Blue

Danube (161), Fifty Fifty

Desert Storm (152), Bright Prospect

(144), White Mist (140), Sunshine

(140), The Jamaica (161), Brigade

Call (152), Papaya (142), Kom Tong

Hall (140), As You Like It (143),

Mongolian Stag (153), Blue World

(159), Mowgli (150), The Phoenix

(153), The Parnigan (140), U-Un

II (148), Cream Cracker (148),

Gold Medal (150), Loch Elve (144),

Loch Alah (155), Huntington (157),

Skintail (150), Nookhall (152),

Twilight Eve (150), Flying Stag

(149), Nara Stag (152), Flying Stag

(158), Duke of Nishling (148), Fan-

ling Stag (147), The Ape (146),

King's Falloch (152), Duke of

Malrose (151).

Commonwealth Handicap: "C" Class.—Heretofore (150), Zephyr

(158), May (155), Rummy (150),

Mountain Air (150), Zenjibell (154),

Falch Alarm (142), Pumpkin (147),

Touchwood (140), Silver Stag (140),

Inca (157), Tangle (150), Morvan-

agher (155), Sunloch (155), Alderley

(144), The Jungle Book (147), Dark

Eyes (154).

Empire Handicap: "A" Class.—Duke

of Chantilly (163), Chasapenko Bay

(158), Monterey Bay (145), Grand

Tattoo Eve (160), O-Moon (150),

Peck (140), Pickle (142), French-

man's Bay (143), Delaware Bay

LORD STRICKLAND  
EXCOMMUNICATED.CHARGE OF "HOSTILITY" TO  
ROMAN CHURCH.

Rome, Mar. 1. The *Corriere d'Italia* to-night publishes a message from Malta announcing that Lord Strickland has been excommunicated for conduct in Malta considered hostile to the Roman Catholic Church.

The message states: "The Archbishop of Malta has written a pastoral letter, which is a clear condemnation of the intolerable conditions, civic and political, created by the government of Lord Strickland, who, by conduct hostile to the Church and ecclesiastical institutions, has incurred excommunication *latae sententiae*."

"This excommunication does not need to be publicly and formally made by the Bishop or the Pontiff, but comes into being, *ipso facto*, as soon as abuses are made."

The paper continues in a violent strain to accuse Lord Strickland (whom it supposes to be the Governor) of a "Protestant masonic campaign" designed to torment the Maltese population and exalt the "Anglican sect" at the expense of the Roman Catholics.

These allegations are made in defiance of the fact that Lady Strickland recently gave £100,000 to found an English Roman Catholic College in the island.

Mits Handicap: "B" Class.—Duke of Normandy II (148), Sunning (153), Glory (152), Doubtful (140), Erins Isle (160), Ace of Spades (147), Blue Danube (161), Fifty Fifty (152), Bright Prospect (144), The Jamaica (161), Brigade Call (152), Papaya (142), Kom Tong Hall (140), As You Like It (143), Mongolian Stag (153), Blue World (159), Mowgli (150), The Phoenix (153), The Parnigan (140), U-Un II (148), Cream Cracker (148), Gold Medal (150), Loch Alah (155), Loch Elve (144), Skintail (150), Nookhall (152), Flying Stag (149), Nara Stag (152), Flying Stag (158), Duke of Nishling (148), Fanling Stag (147), The Ape (146), King's Falloch (152), Little Thunder (158), Duke of Malrose (151).

Mits Handicap: "C" Class.—Heretofore (150), Zephyr (158), Rummy (150), Mountain Air (150), Zenjibell (154), Pumpkin (147), Touchwood (140), Silver Stag (140), Inca (157), Morvanagher (155), Sunloch (155), Alderley (144), Dark Eyes (154), Aberdeen (158), Half Pint (144), The Jungle Book (147).

CANADIAN BUDGET  
SURPLUS.INTER-EMPIRE TRADE  
DEVELOPMENT.

Ottawa, Mar. 1. The chief feature of the annual Budget statement, which was made by the Minister of Finance, Mr. J. A. Robb, in the Dominion House of Commons this afternoon, was the announcement of a surplus of \$69,782,080. (\$13,958,400) of revenues over all expenditures for the fiscal year ending this month, and the reduction of the net debt by that amount.

Taxation reductions for the coming fiscal year are estimated at 25,000,000 dollars (\$5,000,000), the main reductions being a decrease of one per cent. in the sales tax and transportation tax on railway and steamship tickets, a comparatively few tariff changes, with an intimation that the Government is pursuing a policy of watchful waiting as to the proposed changes in the United States tariff under the new administration.

Mr. Robb emphasised the steady development of Inter-Empire trade and said "Canada, the pioneer of British Preference, looks to Empire trade as the keynote of its external trade policy and desires in every way to foster closer trading relations throughout the British Commonwealth of nations."

Dealing with the financial year of the Canadian National Railways, Mr. Robb emphasised that the railways would be able to meet all interest payments to the public, and in addition to pay 7,000,000 dollars (\$1,400,000) in interest to the Government.

For the coming fiscal year the Minister estimated that the national revenues, despite the taxation reductions, would at least be equal to the revenues of the year now closing.

Foreign Tariffs. Touching on trade and tariff questions, Mr. Robb declared there had been a steady increase in trade, especially with countries with which Canada had concluded commercial treaties. The policy of the Government, he said, was to "favour these countries which favour our products."

With an obvious reference to a prospective increase of the United States tariff against Canadian goods, Mr. Robb said "It is our desire to trade freely with any and all who are willing to trade with us. What may or may not be possible in this necessarily depends in some measure on the purchasing power and fiscal policies of other countries. The policy of the administration is not a high tariff policy; it is a low tariff policy."

"In applying this policy, domestic as well as international factors must be considered. The tariff changes submitted to-day are designed to reduce taxation and lessen the cost of production. While the Tariff Advisory Board is continuing its inquiries, opportunity will be afforded for considering the possible effect on trade of the changes being proposed in the tariff schedules in other countries should they be implemented by legislation."—*Reuter*.

FORCED LANDING AT  
SHANGHAI.

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malined aloft altogether. The propeller blade was snapped when, going at the rate of 900 revolutions a minute, it struck the water.

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## THE TUNG WAH HOSPITAL.

### REPORT ON YEAR'S WORK PRESENTED TO GOVERNOR.

#### STREET SLEEPERS.

The annual report of the work done in the Tung Wah Hospital, the leading Chinese charitable institution in the Colony, was submitted to His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong, (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) at Government House yesterday afternoon, by Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, Chairman of the Directors of the Hospital in 1928, who was accompanied by Mr. M. K. Lo, the Chairman of the Directors this year, and also the Directors of 1928 and this year.

The report states, *inter alia*: During 1928 the total admissions to the hospital amounted to 11,489, including 480 patients who were admitted in the previous year and who were still in the hospital at the beginning of the year. During the same period, 6,419 patients came under Western treatment, and 4,587 under Native treatment. About 3 per cent of the patients were treated in private wards and paid fees, and the rest were treated and were supplied with free medicine and food by the hospital.

#### Out-patients.

There were 198,593 out-patients during the year, and free medicine was supplied to them.

#### Maternity Cases.

In the maternity wards there were 1,895 labour cases, being 369 more than the previous year. The number was greatly increased, due perhaps to the fact that nowadays more people appreciate Western treatment in maternity cases, and expectant mothers prefer to go into hospital where more proper care is taken of them and their babies. One more midwife was employed in addition to the two we had for the previous year, the three doing duty by turn day and night.

#### Vaccinations.

The number of free vaccinations in the year was 10,634, including 2,295 performed outside the hospital for which we sent our own vaccinators. Small-pox was prevalent during the year, but fortunately we had the Small-pox Hospital at Kennedy Town repaired and got ready beforehand. We sent nurses and doctors to this hospital to attend to patients suffering from the disease, with the happy result that many of the patients were cured.

#### Free Burials.

During the year we gave 5,748 free coffins and burials, 3,564 of which were given to the Government Civil Hospital and the Public Mortuary. We thank the Government for the annual grants of \$10,000 to the Tung Wah Hospital and \$7,000 to the Kwong Wah Hospital for defraying part of this item of expenditure. The number of dead bodies brought in during the year was 1,424.

#### Destitutes.

Of the destitute who sought relief from the hospital, 4,273 were sent back to their native homes at the expense of the hospital, being provided with free passages and clothes, and even pocket money. Among this number, there were about 3,000 refugees from the districts of Ho Fung and Luk Fung during the time of the Red troubles. We thank the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, for the trouble he took in communicating with the Harbour Office, and for granting us permission to hire junks to carry the destitute home.

#### Accounts.

We have placed before Your Excellency the accounts which have been audited. The accounts of the various funds controlled by the Directors were about the same at the end of our term as when we took them over, except as regards that of the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital hereinafter mentioned. On February 4, a cheque for \$32,340.79 being balance of the subscription towards the typhoon disaster of the year 1906, was received from the Hon. the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, and this amount was paid into the Hospital Emergency Fund. The expenditure of the year was much greater than that of the previous years owing to the increase in numbers of patients treated, and in sundry expenses, such as lime-washing of the whole hospital buildings, the provision of the agents for out-patients, the engagement of a number of male nurses, and the establishment of a training school for female nurses. Fortunately the revenue showed a considerable increase due to more subscriptions having been raised, and more interest having been received. The balance of the financial year shows a credit of \$95,148.07 and the accumulated surplus of the previous year stands

## LAWN TENNIS.

### THREE SINGLES MATCHES UNFINISHED.

Three matches were played in the Open Singles at the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday, but none of them reached a decision. Two got as far as a fourth set; while one reached a fifth, when, owing to falling light, the matches had to be abandoned.

The most interesting contest was the re-play between S. A. Rumsjohn and J. S. McEachran. It will be recalled that these two played on Friday, but the match was abandoned when the score was two sets all. Rumsjohn yesterday held the advantage and was playing well towards the end, but an appeal for falling light at 6.15 was sustained.

How evenly Rumsjohn and McEachran are matched was shown in the first set, the latter eventually winning it after 14 games. Rumsjohn was at times brilliant, but was inclined to be erratic, while McEachran was content to let his opponent make all the mistakes. Rumsjohn steadied down and won the next two sets with the scores at 6-5, in each. He was leading by two games, 2-0, in the fourth set when the match was abandoned.

However, another match, that between H. D. Rumsjohn and M. K. Lo, did not stop until half an hour later. H. D. Rumsjohn won the first set by 6-4, and lost the next after 24 games. Lo continued to play well and won the third set by 6-4, but Rumsjohn led by four games to three when the game had to be abandoned owing to bad light.

The match between Lim Peng-chin and J. Hale reached the final set, Lim, the Varsity champion winning the first two with the scores at 6-4 in each, but losing the next two at 6-2 in both. Lim was leading by three games to two, but the light was too bad to allow the match to go on.

All these matches will have to be replayed; that between Lim and Hale on Thursday, and that between Lo and H. D. Rumsjohn on Friday. The date of the match between S. A. Rumsjohn and J. S. McEachran has not yet been fixed.

#### The Results.

S. A. Rumsjohn lost the first set to McEachran and led by 6-3, 6-3, 2-1 (game unfinished).

M. K. Lo lost the first set to H. D. Rumsjohn and led by 4-6, 12-11, 6-4, 3-4 (game unfinished).

Lim Peng-chin won the first two sets from J. Hale and led by 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 3-2 (game unfinished).

Mixed Doubles.—S. E. Green and Miss Heard (owe 16) beat E. R. Price and Miss Moffat (rec. 4/6) 6-1, 2-6, 8-6.

#### To-day's Games.

Matches for this afternoon are:

Open Singles.—T. Honda v M. W. Lo.

Handicap Singles.—A. L. Goldmann (owe 16/4) v G. W. Sowell (owe 16/1); L. Forster (owe 16) v Lieut. D. Smith (rec. 2/6).

Handicap Doubles.—C. W. E. Bishop and W. Woodward (rec. 4/6) v O. E. C. Marton and H. Owen Hughes (owe 16/1); S. E. and D. S. Green (owe 16) v H. J. Armstrong and J. G. Lawrie (owe 4/6).

at \$105,005.57. Thus, the total balance in hand is \$140,153.64.

#### Nurses.

At the beginning of the year, the 24 girls admitted into our newly established Female Nurses' Training School, came into residence and started their training. As we found that male nurses were also necessary for carrying out the work of the hospital, we set an examination for thirty-five male nurses with the help of Dr. Kirk. We also engaged a qualified nurse to supervise them.

#### Street-Sleepers.

As so many poor people were sleeping in the street during the winter, we held a meeting at the request of Sir Shouson Chow and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, to discuss means whereby we might better their position. As the result, we took out \$2,000 from our funds in addition to the usual amount allowed for the purpose in previous years, for the purchase of padded coats and blankets to be distributed among the deserving poor.

#### Tung Wah Eastern Hospital.

We must express our heartfelt thanks to the Government for having allotted a piece of land at Sookunpoo for the erection of our Branch Hospital. The building will soon be completed. We thank Your Excellency for your gracious presence at the ceremony of laying the foundation stone on the 4th May, 1928. As the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital will soon be completed, we, with the permission of the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, invited the Sugar and Medicine Dealers Guilds to nominate a representative each to serve as a Director on our Board for the year 1929. I am glad to be able to report to Your Excellency that as the result of the strenuous efforts of the Building Fund Committee, the amount of subscription was increased from \$363,940.00 to \$463,587.40; and the amount actually received was increased from \$256,669.17 to \$380,507.40. A very large further amount will be required, and I wish the Building Fund Committee every success in their future efforts.

We thank the Government for its annual grants of \$8,000.00 towards the running expenses of the Hospital and \$2,500.00 for the purchase of Western medicine, and for the privilege given us to purchase Western medicine from the Central Dispensary at wholesale price.

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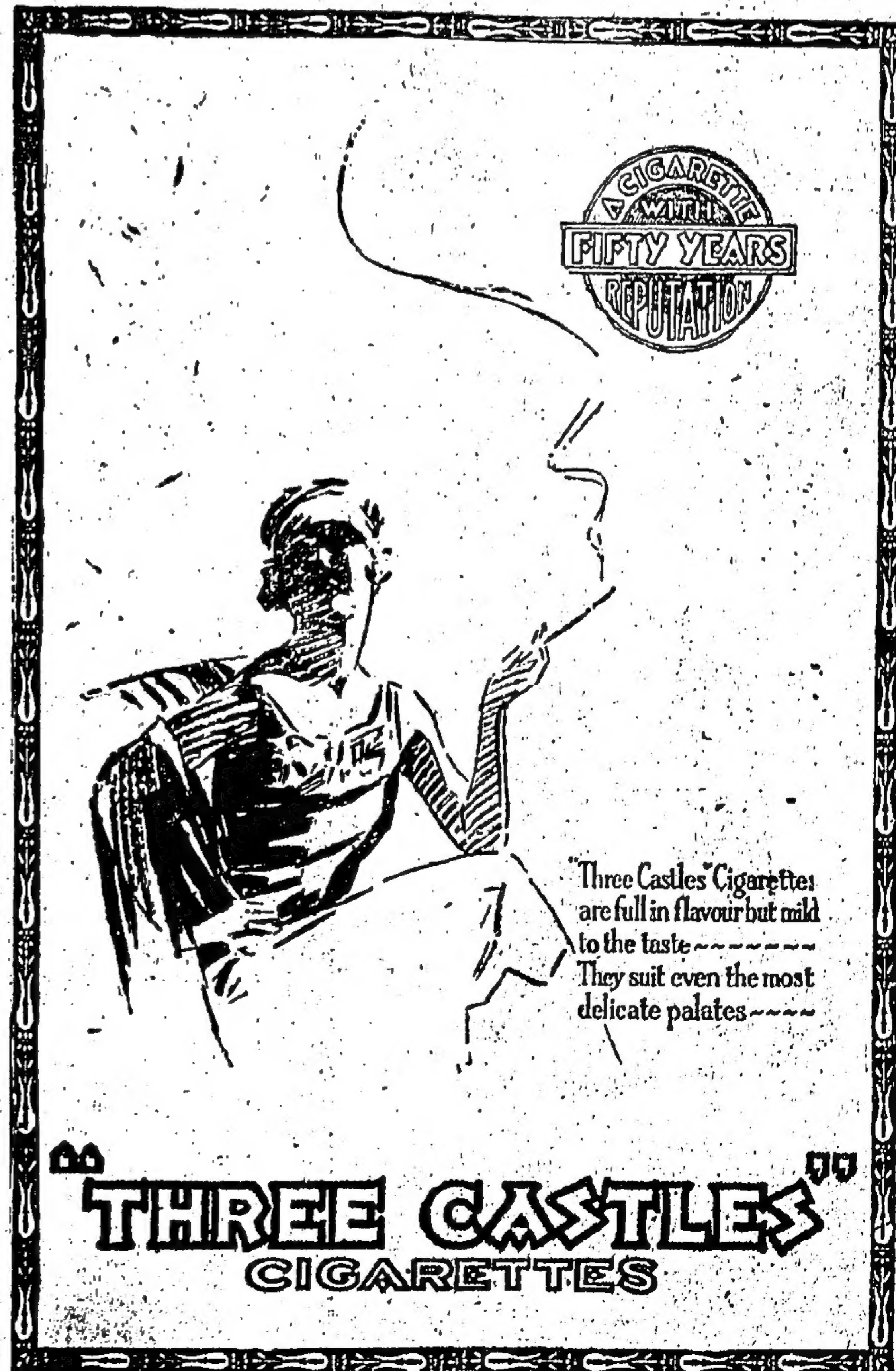
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## HABEAS CORPUS APPLICATION.

### EXTRADITION OF CHINESE REFUSED.

#### SUCCESSFUL APPEAL.

The application of Mr. H. G. Sheldon, on behalf of Chan Hong-chuen, for a rule nisi and a writ of habeas corpus in the extradition case appeal was granted and the applicant was discharged by the Full Court yesterday, after a hearing extending for a whole day.

Chan Hong-chuen is wanted by the French Authorities of Indo-China for an offence against the bankruptcy laws. He was committed by the Magistrate but was given the opportunity of appealing. The Chief Justice remarked he was "almost terrified" at an argument of illegality put forward by Mr. Sheldon.

The application was opposed on behalf of the Crown by Mr. Somerset Fitzroy. Mr. H. G. Sheldon was instructed by Mr. F. H. Loseby of Russ and Company.

#### Points for Defence.

Points put forward by Mr. Sheldon were as follows:  
(a) That the applicant should have been discharged on January 21, 1929, and that all subsequent proceedings were illegal.

(b) That the extradition proceedings, being capable of being initiated only by a warrant under the provisions of Section 3, above referred to, evidence was required to be taken by a Police Magistrate before issuing such warrant.

(c) That the Magistrate had no jurisdiction to commit the accused because

(1) There was no evidence before him that Hainphong is situated in a Colony or Foreign Possession of France.

(2) Hainphong is not situated within a Colony or Foreign Possession of France and

(3) there are no provisions in the Extradition Treaties made between France and Great Britain for extradition proceedings between Hongkong and the province of Tonquin, in which the town of Hainphong is situated.

(d) That the Magistrate had no jurisdiction to commit the applicant because there was no evidence adduced that he had committed a crime against the bankruptcy laws.

Mr. Sheldon quoted instances of where special treaties had been made between Great Britain and France with regard to Tunis, a Protectorate, which he said was of the same status as Hainphong, for which there was no special treaty.

Chief Justice "Terrified."

In dealing with the illegality point, Mr. Sheldon argued that a Magistrate required not only the Order of the Governor but also such evidence as would, in his opinion, justify him in issuing the warrant. The Magistrate, he said, had issued the warrant without the provisions of a certain section being complied with, so the applicant was taken into custody and had been illegally in custody ever since.

Sir Henry remarked that the argument almost terrified him. He added, "Take an extreme case. A warrant is issued without sworn information. The man is arrested, tried, convicted and sentenced in the Higher Court. Everything is invalid because of that initial illegality."

Mr. Sheldon replied that if the Attorney General filed an indictment he thought now proceedings would start, but in the case of a sentence by a Magistrate he would go as far as that.

Sir Henry said that if Mr. Sheldon was right there must have been hundreds of cases where such had occurred. There must be some authority to show that Mr. Sheldon was right.

#### Evidence of Offence.

When Mr. Sheldon was dealing with the lack of evidence of an offence, Sir Henry pointed out there was some evidence that the applicant had entered amounts in books showing payments to a dead person, and apparently the money went into his own pocket.

Mr. Sheldon agreed that that would be an offence if it was in relation to the applicant's own affairs. He further argued that there was not sufficient evidence to show that they were fictitious entries; that there was no evidence that he had committed an offence against the bankruptcy laws of England, and that there was evidence to show that the applicant was the manager of the firm and not the owner or partner. Counsel added, in this respect, that he did not know of any bankruptcy law that would make the manager of a firm bankrupt.

Another point made by Mr. Sheldon was that the depositions were

## RADIO BROADCAST.

### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

Broadcast by Z.B.W. on 850 metres, 5.30-8.30 p.m. Programme of Chinese Music, (Bala Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. The Canton Trading Association).  
7.45 p.m. Evening Weather Report.  
8 p.m. Evening Programme, (Columbia Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. The Anderson Music Co.).

"Lucky Girl" Selection.  
Jack Payne and the B. B. C. Dance Orchestra.  
"Good Little, Bad Little Girl."  
"Just a Night for Me" (Edwards).  
"Dance Along the Highway."  
"I Just Want Along, Having My Ups and Downs."  
(from "Clowns in Clover").

Baritone, Jack Hulbert.  
"Roses of Yesterday."  
"Old Man Sunshyne" (Warren).  
Comedienne, Nora Blaney.  
"Hear Dem Bolls" (Negro Spiritual).  
"A I See My Love at the Window."  
"A Calliope."

Lions: Quartette of Seattle.  
"The Keltic Suite" (Foulds).  
No. 1. The Clans.  
No. 2. The Lament.  
No. 3. The Call.

The Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.  
"Cleopatra—Triumphal March."  
(Mancinelli).

The Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.  
"Oh Ray" Vocal Gens.  
Columbia Light Opera Company.  
"Girl Friend" (Selection).  
Pianoforte Solo, Billy Mayerl.

"Silent Noon."  
"Peace."  
Baritone, J. Dale Smith.

"Gipsy Suite" (E. German).  
No. 1. Valse (Lonely Life).  
No. 2. Allegro (The Dance).

The Plaza Theatre Orchestra.  
"Thousand and one Nights—Waltz."  
(Strauss).  
"Frouet Euch Des Lebens—Waltz."  
(Strauss).

Johann Strauss and Symphony Orch.  
"The Devout Lover."  
"She is far from the Land."  
Baritone, Edgar Coyle.

"Wiener Blut—Waltz" (Strauss).  
"Roses of the South—Waltz."  
(Strauss).

Johann Strauss and Symphony Orch.  
"O Loveliness Beyond Compare."  
"O Voice of Magic Melody."  
(Mozart). (from "Magic Flute").

Tenor, Heddie Nash.  
"Wine, Women and Song, Waltz."  
"Kiss" (Waltz).

Johann Strauss and Symphony Orch.  
"The Presentation of Prizes."  
(Machmann).

Burlesque Recital by William McCulloch.  
"Song of the Sea" Selection.  
His Majesty's Theatre Orchestra.  
"Evening Bells."  
"Serenade."

Don Cossacks Choir.  
10.10 p.m. News Bulletin.  
"Two Movements in Symphonie Form" (A. Copland).  
Symphony (Frank Merrick).

1. Scherzo.  
2. Poco Allegro.  
The Royal Philharmonic Orch.  
10.30 p.m. Close Down.

## LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

SAID, SAND, SANE, DANE, DONE.

not witnessed by a person on oath, neither did they bear the official seal of the Minister of Justice, or a Minister of State. He asked their Lordships to take judicial notice that, according to his instructions, they bore the seal of an inferior civil servant, the public prosecutor.

Mr. Fitzroy then replied.

Judgment Delivered.

Giving judgment, the Chief Justice said that the case had been fully argued and the grounds upon which they proposed to give their decision might be shortly stated. Much of the difficulty in the case had been caused by the extraordinary uncertainty which prevailed in the minds of those responsible for the initiation of the proceedings.

Two warrants were taken out in the first instance. In the first one, which was based on information dated December 28, 1928, the charge appeared to have been one of "embezzlement." The prisoner was charged, but apparently the proceedings could not be continued under that warrant, and consequently another information was sworn and the charge there appeared to have been an offence connected with debts.

A warrant was issued on which the man was arrested. Both the warrants were discharged and then, in the end, an application was made for the extradition of the prisoner because he had committed a bankruptcy offence according to the law of Indo-China.

Sir Henry continued that as far as they could judge from a careful consideration of the depositions in the case, whatever might be the case with the law of France there did not seem to be any evidence at all of an offence according to the laws of this Colony. Therefore, they thought the prisoner was entitled to be discharged.

Sir Henry added that other questions had been raised but they did not come in for consideration.

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- Zemire et Azor-La Fauvette (The Warbler) (Grotty)
- 8089 (Traviata-Imponete (Verdi) (with Giuseppe De Luca)
- Traviata-Dile alla Giovinet (Verdi) (with De Luca)
- 10012 (Lucia-Sextette (Donizetti) with Homer-Gigli-De Luca-Pinza & Bada
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The Club were the first to attack, and shortly after the commencing scrum broke through the Army defence and gave the civilian team the lead. Goldman failed to convert. The Army went all out for the quarter and were not disappointed. Hayward touching down, but Maxwell failed with the kick. Just before half time Goldman put the Club ahead, but failed to convert. At half time the Club were leading by six points to three.

Maxwell opened up matters after the resumption, but although he had a fairly easy position he made a very poor effort to convert, the ball being kicked wide. Hayward later added his second touch down but the try was unconverted.

The Army held the lead till the match was nearly over, when the Club, from a scrum near the Army back line, equalised, Goldman touch-

## KOWLOON GOLF.

### FIRST ROUND RESULT OF HONG FOURSOMES.

The first round of the Hong foursomes was played off at the Kowloon Golf Club during the week. The challenge shield, presented by Mr. H. W. Page is at present held by Messrs. Mustard and Co., Messrs. McKnight and Cowherd being the winning pair last year.

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## GIRL'S BODY FOUND.

### ECHO OF RECENT TRAGEDY IN THE HARBOUR.

At midday yesterday the police found the body of a sampan woman in the central fairway in the harbour. The body bore marks of injury, and appeared to have been chopped at the back of the head and in the small of the back. It was later identified as the body of one of the two sampan girls who were reported missing last week.

It will be recalled that the body of the other girl was found drifting in a dinghy near Stonecutters on the morning following the report to the effect that they were missing. In this connection a junk foki is sought by the police for alleged murder.

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## MONACO DISPUTE.

DEMONSTRATORS BEAT  
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Monte Carlo, Mar. 25.  
A constitutional crisis in the principality of Monaco as the result of the postponement of the general elections, came to a climax in a collision between a police party and seven demonstrators who went to the Palace to demand an audience of the Prince of Monaco.

Forty police, drawn up to prevent the delegates' entry, fired revolvers in the air and the delegates replied by beating the police with sticks. They forced an entry into the Palace. The Chief of Police was injured in a scuffle with the delegates, whose resolution failed, however, when the Prince refused to see them. They left quietly.

The Prince later made a declaration that the elections would be held in June. The trouble originally arose following a dispute at a casino with the public authorities over the management of the watering place, as the result of which national and communal councils resigned.—Reuter.

## PROPERTY SALE.

BRISK BIDDING FOR  
SHAMSHUPO LOT.

An area of 2,383 feet of Crown Land in Shamsuipo was sold by public auction yesterday in the offices of the Public Works Department. The upset price for the lot was \$3,200 and the successful bidder eventually secured it at \$4,100, there being brisk bidding between the two figures.

The locality of the land was given in the conditions of sale as at the junction of Shek Kap Mei Street and Cheung Sha Wan Road. The purchaser was required to spend \$5,000 in rateable improvements before the expiry of two years.

## THE GORGES TOLL.

NAVIGATION ON THE UPPER  
YANGTZE.

Ichang, Mar. 3.  
Many years ago the late Captain Plant informed the writer that, in his opinion, no ship leaving Ichang for Chungking could be certain that the round trip would be completed without accident. Since that time much has been done to minimize the dangers of navigating the Upper Yangtze, and pilots are more numerous and more efficient. At intervals, however, one is reminded of the hidden perils of this mighty river in its upper reaches.

In the early months of 1928 the water level was very low, the reading at Ichang in the beginning of April being minus one foot, but there were surprisingly few accidents. A somewhat different tale has to be told in 1929.

## 14 Accidents in Two Months.

The water mark in Ichang is still a few feet above the zero level but during the past two months there have been 14 accidents with two total losses. A fortnight ago the Str. Ping Fu, a Chinese owned and officered motor vessel, struck the rocks at the Kung Ling Fan. At first it was thought that she was right in the fairway, and blocking the channel, but further investigation proved that she was 50 feet or so of room for other vessels to pass in safety. Within a very short time of her grounding she was completely looted and burned to the water edge. At the present time arrangements are being made to blow her up so that she may not be a menace when the river rises.

A few days ago there was a more serious accident involving considerable loss of life. Another motor vessel, the Shu Nan, with about 80 people on board, struck a submerged reef in the neighbourhood of 'T' Ping Chi, swung round and sank in deep water inside a quarter of an hour. As far as can be ascertained, only a very few people have been saved.

## Death of Capt. Rohde.

By the sudden death of Captain H. Rohde, one of the well-known

## CHEFOO SITUATION.

CHANG CHUNG-CHANG TO  
ATTACK SOON.

Chefoo, Mar. 23.  
Further fighting is expected this week as news from Tengchowfu and from Hwanghsien reports the augmentation of Chang Chung-chang's forces by the arrival of Sen Tien-ying with 7,000 troops. Chang has proceeded to the front and is personally commanding his forces at Pakiakou, thirty miles West of Chefoo. It is expected that the attack on Liu Chen-nien will be commenced in a few days. Conditions up country continue to be most frightful. Thousands of refugees are pouring into Tengchowfu daily endeavouring to reach Dairen.

The Trenton left Chefoo yesterday for Tsingtao, but was ordered back owing to imminent fighting.—Reuter.

## SYRIAN SITUATION.

Paris, Mar. 25.  
Rumours of alleged riots in Syria are thoroughly untrue. All is calm in Syria.—Havas.

personalities in Ichang has been removed. His connexion with Ichang dates back to 1901 when he went there as agent for Messrs. Meichers & Co., who at that time had a steamer plying on the middle river. With the exception of a few years, he has been a constant resident of the port and many were the expressions of regret when it became known that he had passed away with startling suddenness following a heart attack. Rohde was a man of great vitality and many interests. In his earlier years he was a keen chess player of more than average ability, and often would play and defeat two opponents playing in conjunction against him. He leaves a widow in Ichang and an unmarried daughter in America and to them is extended the sympathy of all who know them.—N. C. D. News.

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London, Mar. 2.

Three hundred thousand civil  
servants yesterday received in-  
creases in their pay which will  
cost the Exchequer in the next  
six months £500,000.

This is due to the operation of  
the half-yearly revision of the  
bonus, which is based on cost of  
living index figures.

"On September 1 last year the  
figure fell to 65, the lowest level  
recorded," Mr. S. Slocombe, the  
treasurer of the Civil Service  
Clerical Association, told a re-  
porter. "The new figure is five  
points above September's figure."

"On a salary of £3 a week the  
civil servant will receive an extra  
1s. 9d. a week. On a salary of  
£200, £6 a year extra will be paid."

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### FORGED EVEREADY LABELS.

CLEVER IMITATIONS IN  
CANTON.

Clever forgeries of wrappers  
for electric torches and for their  
accompanying batteries, in all  
sizes, both of the products of the  
Eveready Company and the Win-  
chester Repeating Arms Company  
of America have been discovered  
and confiscated in Canton at the  
instance of the legal representa-  
tive in China of the two firms con-  
cerned, Mr. N. T. Allman.

It appears that when Mr. Allman  
was in Shanghai about a month  
ago he found torches being sold in  
a large number of Chinese shops;  
that were a very clever imitation  
of the American product. They  
were sold in cartons which were  
identical in their colouring to the  
American make, the instructions  
as to use being the same, and the  
only difference being in the name  
of the factory.

The torches themselves were  
exact replicas of the American  
manufacture. Mr. Allman imme-  
diately set about making an in-  
vestigation to discover the source  
of production and located it in  
Canton. He then left for Canton,  
where he was surprised to find  
that not only were his suspicions  
as to the torches correct, but that  
the shops there were flooded with  
batteries with counterfeit labels.

These labels were apparently a  
lithographic imitation of the  
originals, and only an experienced  
eye could tell them from the  
genuine. He eventually found the  
source of production and appealed  
to the police for action against the  
producers. The Chief of Police  
immediately issued search war-  
rants and a raid was made on two  
printing establishments with the  
result that between 5,000 and  
6,000 unused labels, both of the  
Eveready and the Winchester were  
discovered and seized.

The defendants were arrested  
and given a preliminary hearing in  
the courts, and on the strength of  
the evidence produced against  
them were ordered for trial.

The Canton case resembles very  
much the cases tried in Hongkong  
some months ago in which convic-  
tions were obtained and heavy  
sentences imposed.

Mr. Allman considers these  
cases very serious ones as he is  
informed that large numbers of  
these torches and batteries are  
being shipped to ports all over  
China, to Singapore, Bangkok and  
many other places in the Far East.

### I'M ALONE SINKING INCIDENT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

vices won the Distinguished Ser-  
vice Cross and the Croix de Guerre  
with two palms.

Captain Also Hit.

New Orleans, Mar. 25.

Captain Randall was hit by a  
bullet below the hip, and his leg is  
partly paralyzed.

The issue largely revolves on  
the question of the I'm Alone's  
position when she was first sighted  
by the coastguard men who declare  
she was within the twelve mile  
limit.

Capt. Randall and his crew are  
equally emphatic that they were  
two or three miles outside the  
limit.

The coastguard headquarters  
have received a report from Cap-  
tain Gamble, commanding the  
coastguard forces in the Gulf of  
Mexico, stating that after inves-  
tigation he regarded the action  
of the Dexter as "proper and  
commendable."

Captain John Randall, master  
of the I'm Alone, who is a Cana-  
dian, declares that he refused to  
surrender because he was outside  
American jurisdiction. A hundred  
shots were fired. The vessel  
sank in five minutes. The crew  
jumped into the water and were  
picked up by American cutters.—  
Reuter's American Service.

London Opinion.

London, Mar. 25.

The State Department at Wash-  
ington has promised to furnish the  
British Ambassador as speedily as  
possible with detailed information  
as to the sinking of the I'm Alone.

It is felt in authoritative quarters  
in London that comment on the  
position will be inopportune until  
the Ambassador's report is received,  
but if the facts are as reported,  
the case certainly appears to call  
for further investigation on the  
part of the British Government.—  
Reuter.

French Interest.

New York, Mar. 25.

It has been established that a  
sawman drowned when the I'm  
Alone was sunk was a French  
citizen named Leon Malnguy.

The British and French Consuls  
are discussing the position.—  
Reuter's American Service.

### SLIGHT INCREASE IN SMALLPOX.

JUST OVER THIRTY CASES  
LAST WEEK.

### BUT FEWER DEATHS.

The small-pox returns for the  
past week show a slight increase  
in the number of cases notified,  
compared with the previous week,  
but fewer deaths.

In all, there were 31 cases re-  
ported, and 47 deaths. All were  
Chinese, and one was imported.  
Of the cases, 17 were from Vic-  
toria; 13 from Kowloon and one  
from the New Territory. The  
total number of cases since the  
outbreak first appeared is now  
1,142, with 816 deaths.

The following table gives the  
weekly returns since November 3.

Week Ending	Cases	Deaths
November 3	3	0
November 10	22	8
November 17	31	9
November 24	17	8
December 1	3	25
December 8	61	16
December 14	91	29
December 22	81	22
December 29	73	38
January 5	80	44
January 12	85	48
January 19	91	77
January 26	78	83
February 2	87	58
February 9	80	59
February 16	47	61
February 23	54	59
March 2	51	34
March 9	37	42
March 16	26	51
March 23	31	47
	1,142	816

### SEVERE FIGHTING BREAKS OUT.

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ing on the North Anhui border  
means what it says, it can be read  
to mean that fighting is taking  
place between Feng Yu-hsiang's  
forces and those of Marshal  
Chiang Kai-shek.

Feng's Attitude.

It would be unsafe, however, to  
take that for granted. Indeed, it  
is probable that a mistake has  
been made, and that the cable  
means nothing more than that  
fighting has broken out on the An-  
hui-Hupeh border, which is a dif-  
ferent thing.

The speculation is interesting as  
Feng's attitude towards the quar-  
rel will probably prove the deter-  
mining factor. Marshal Chiang  
will probably prove much too  
strong for the Wuhan armies if  
they are left to their own devices.  
There is, however, indication that  
Feng's sympathies are with the  
Kwangsi Clique, while it is strong-  
ly rumoured that he has a definite  
understanding with General Li  
Chung-yeu.

A message from Nanking, dated  
yesterday, says that the National  
Government has issued an order  
prohibiting the Kuomintang  
troops on the Hupeh-Hunan bor-  
der from crossing into Hupeh.  
There are large numbers of  
Feng's forces on the border and  
it is feared in Nanking that Feng's  
intention is to assist Wuhan.

All-China War?

Extensive troop movements have  
been directed by Feng in the past  
few days, though his purpose has  
not been made clear. Large num-  
bers of troops have occupied im-  
portant points on the Peking-Han-  
kow Railway and on the Tientsin-  
Pukow Railway.

In other circles it is feared  
that the whole of China may be-  
come involved in the war. It is  
learned, for instance, that General  
Tang Seng-chi, Chiang's new  
leader of the Pei Chung-hai's troops  
in the North, has visited Marshal  
Yen Hsi-shan. Ostensibly the  
reason was the negotiation of cer-  
tain details regarding the disposi-  
tion of the Pei Chung-hai troops,  
but it is thought that he was intent  
upon securing Yen Hsi-shan's as-  
sistance in the event of Feng  
joining hands with Wuhan.

It has already been reported  
that Yen and Feng have come to  
an agreement, the nature of which  
has not been disclosed, but it is  
considered that Yen Hsi-shan will  
remain neutral if it is humanly  
possible.

A report from Peking says that  
a division of Fengtien troops has  
occupied Shanhaikwan, which they  
evacuated months ago.

Canton War Scare.

Apparently as the result of the  
"war scare" in Canton there was  
an unusually large influx of  
Chinese by the train which arrived  
at Kowloon from Canton this  
morning.

### WONDER PLANT SECRET.

PRODUCTS FOR THREE  
INDUSTRIES.

London, Mar. 2.  
A new hybrid plant, called  
brotex, for which remarkable  
claims are made, is now being  
grown on a farm in Devon.

The origin of the plant in a  
closely guarded secret, but it is  
stated that it produces the follow-  
ing raw materials of commercial  
value, which are in universal de-  
mand:—

Fibre for textile purposes;  
Wood cellulose for paper-mak-  
ing; and Seed for cattle cake.

The fibre is obtained from the  
bark, and the cellulose from the  
core.

Brotex has been evolved, after  
years of experiment, by Mr.  
Leonard Browning. It grows  
from seed, and matures rapidly  
within 12 to 18 months, attaining  
a height of eight to ten feet.

In London Roof Garden  
near Piccadilly a Press representa-  
tive was yesterday shown the  
plant in various stages of growth  
and the three products which can  
be obtained from it.

Sir George Courthope, acting  
chairman of the company which is  
developing the discovery, explain-  
ed that a commercial crop of fibre  
is obtainable in the first season's  
growth. Seeding taken place at  
the end of the second season.

An Advisory Council, consist-  
ing of Lord Bledisloe, Sir Robert  
Horne and Sir Austin Harris, are  
giving their services in an hono-  
rary capacity.

### HOTEL DISASTER REFERENCE.

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alver investments, of which the  
prices of many are now standing  
at a very high level.

You will, I trust, approve of  
the usual bonus of 15 per cent.  
on their salaries being granted to  
the staff. I do not think there is  
anything further in the accounts  
which requires special mention.

Hotel Fire Disaster.

The past year has been com-  
paratively uneventful from an in-  
surance standpoint and, although  
there have been no fire losses of  
unusual importance in the Far  
East, severe outbreaks in many  
other parts of the world where the  
Company operates were respon-  
sible for heavy claims.

I cannot close without making  
brief references to the fire which  
occurred in the King Edward and  
Savoy Hotels on the morning of  
the 11th instant, a disaster which  
was unfortunately attended by the  
loss of several lives, and I would  
take this opportunity of expressing  
our deep sympathy with the re-  
latives and with those who suffer-  
ed injury whilst effecting their  
escape from the burning building.

This was quite the worst out-  
break which the Colony has experi-  
enced since the Hongkong Hotel  
Fire on 1st January, 1920, and it is  
greatly to the credit of the Fire  
Brigade that they were able to pre-  
vent the whole of one of the most  
important blocks in the business  
centre of the city from becoming  
involved.

After the resolution, which I am  
now about to propose, has been duly  
seconded, I shall be pleased to an-  
swer, to the best of my ability, any  
questions which shareholders may  
wish to put. I now propose the  
following resolution:—"That the  
report and accounts as pre-  
sented, including the payment of  
a dividend of £43 per share, an  
addition of £247,422.68 to Sterling  
Reserve, of £100,000 to Silver Re-  
serve, the transfer of £4,768-15-10  
=£47,098.79 to the credit of the  
Reinsurance Fund, and the payment  
to the staff of 15 per cent. upon  
their salaries, be adopted and passed."

The motion was seconded by the  
Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, and,  
on being put to the meeting, was  
carried unanimously.

Business Matters.

On the proposal of Mr. Ho  
Leung, seconded by Mr. D. V.  
Stevenson, the retiring members  
of the Consulting Committee were  
re-elected. These were as follows:—  
Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. C.  
Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton,  
L. Dunbar, A. S. Gubbay and T. E.  
Pearce.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and  
Matthews and Messrs. Percy  
Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-  
elected auditors, on the proposal of  
Mr. E. M. Raymond, seconded by  
Mr. C. Savard Remedios.

Besides the Chairman, there  
were present the following mem-  
bers of the Consulting Committee:—  
Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H.  
Compton, L. Dunbar, A. S. Gubbay  
and T. E. Pearce. The following  
shareholders were also present:—  
Mr. Ho Leung, Mr. D. V. Steven-  
son, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton,  
Mr. J. H. Seth, Mr. E. M. Raymond,  
Mr. G. V. Osmond, Mr. C. Savard  
Remedios, Mr. M. H. Lo and Mr.  
H. W. Moon (Acting Secretary).

## SYDNEY CHAPLIN

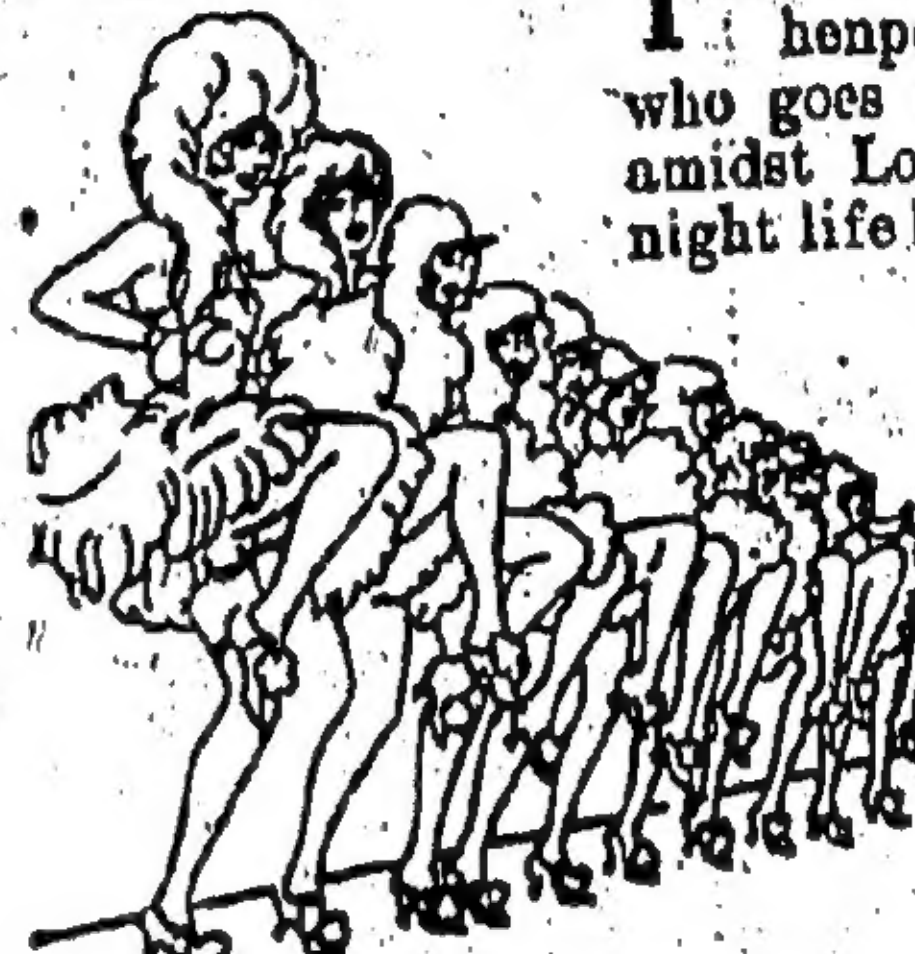


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At 5.30 & 9.20.